

This young Heidelberg group complete with their cup. The club won the 1990 Victorian State League. They and Wollongong Macedonia are the National League new boys, replacing demoted clubs Adelaide Hellas and Blackown City — Photo by JOE MONTEMURRO.



Scheinflug prepares Joeys for World Cup

BY LOU GAUTIER



LES SCHEINFLUG

A total of 31 under 17 players have just completed a week of assessments at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

They are: Frank Bot, Alex Kiratzoglyou, Jason Miale, Aaron Healy, Jason Farrugia, Vasco Trpceviski, Carmelo Bazzano, Tom Liakos — Victoria; Sonar Omac, Paul Dee, Edward Pena, Christian Barrios, Lorenzo Campagna, Shane Borg, Tony Josevski, David Thomas, Darren Iocca, Dominic Usalj, Frano Jandrek — NSW; George Karamalis, George Atsikbasis, Mathew Coutouvidis, Peter Galantomas — South Australia; Peter Roberti, Derek Lockhart — Northern NSW; Peter Marocchi, Anthony Carboni — Western Australia; Peter Schwartz, Tommy Jelovic — Tasmania; Craig Moore — Queensland; Daniel

Jukic, David Millin — ACT.

Selected by assistant national coach Les Scheinflug, the players will form the basis of the Australian team which will play a round-robin Oceania World Cup qualifier against Fiji, Papua-New Guinea, Tahiti and New Zealand in Napier, New Zealand from January 13 to 21 next year.

The winning country will qualify automatically for the World Cup tournament to be staged in the high altitude of Ecuador, South America, later next year.

The under 17 national team is the only Australian side able to qualify directly to its World Cup finals by winning in Oceania.

The under 20, Olympic and senior Soccer-ooos all have to compete in intercontinental play-offs after winning their respective Oceania contests to qualify for the finals.

Top NSL Players Award in ASW

BY GREG BLAKE

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Weekly's QNSL Player of the Year Award is back for the new season bigger, brighter and more exciting than ever before.

This season 1989/90 winner John Filan, along with every other player to appear in QNSL competition, will be fighting it out to see who will be judged the best of the best according to ASW's experts.

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Pascoe Vale Sports Scene, Melbourne's soccer specialists, join ASW for the first time to support the player of the year award.

And proprietor Mauro Raponi, himself a former NSL player with Melbourne JUST, believes just such an award is important for the game.

"Like most players I always believe that to win cups and championships is the best feeling you can get," he told ASW.

"But there can only be

one team winner so it's nice to be able to reward the individuals as well.

"It gives each player the incentive to better himself."

Every week during the QNSL home-and-away series an ASW expert will be at each NSL fixture to award votes.

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Fans can look forward to the first votes being cast



JOHN FILAN

in the ASW — Pascoe Vale Sports Scene Player of the Year Award after the opening round of QNSL matches on October 7.

Carter for Sydney Croatia

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY Croatia is desperately working to sign up Blacktown City defender Paul Carter as well as a striker from Chile.

All the drama is on as Croatia face up to the opening round match against their arch rivals Marconi at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday night.

Last season Carter was loaned out to Adelaide Hellas who failed to win promotion back into the NSL.

The arrival of the new Chilean striker, Hector Perez, has been delayed.

Despite a massive exodus of six and possibly seven players from last season's squad, Sydney Croatia should not be treated lightly as Marconi's coach, Berti Mariani fully realises.

"No matter what their playing staff situation is, we fully expect them to give us a hard time. They always do," said Mariani.

Sydney Croatia will campaign in the new NSL season without stars Graham Arnold (sold to Dutch side, Roda JC), David Seal and Mark Jones (transferred to Marconi), Alan

Hunter (on loan to Dutch side Sparta Rotterdam), Wally Savor (still unable to make a comeback due to his knee injury), and Ante Rumora (just had a knee operation).

And it doesn't stop there.

Left back Mike Grbevski has returned from trials with Greek First division side, Apollon. There's a strong possibility he could also be heading back overseas.

And to cap it all off, Sydney Croatia cannot finalise Gordon Scott's transfer from Victoria till November 1 because of VSF red-tape.

But Croatia's courageous coach, Tony Vrzina still refuses to yield.

"I will still be able to field a respectable line-up despite this savage player drain."

"In goal we will have Anthony Franken, and my defence at this stage shapes up as Runje,

Kupresak, Zelic and Popovic.

"The midfield is my biggest headache and could look like Ricco, Petkovic, Babic and Stanton from the AIS."

"Upfront I have faith in Manis Lamond to combine well with our new Queensland striker, Clayton Koch."

"Don't write us off yet, but I would very much like to have one or two senior players to brace together our excellent young talent," Vrzina warned.

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BY LES MURRAY

THE drain of Australian soccer players to Europe, already alarming the guardians of the game in this country, is likely to accelerate.

And the blame lies not with the villainous, cash-laden European clubs which — as is perceived here — are snaring our treasured talent at absurdly discounted prices.

It is rather the other way around.

The Australian soccer community is beginning to crawl with part-time agents and our clubs themselves welcome the European customers like shady merchants in a back street bazaar.

I have yet to hear of a club refusing to sell a player overseas.

"We wouldn't want to stand in his way," is the usual club statement, hardly hiding a smirk of delight at the prospect of all those Dutch guilders, Belgian francs or even Yugoslav dinars about to ease the club kitty.

But the worst offenders, as much as one wants to sympathise, are the players themselves.

Very few of the more than 30 Aussies under professional contracts in Europe went at the instigation of their present clubs.

Most, including big guns like Eddie Krncevic, Tony Dorigo and the celebrated Craig Johnston, went as unknowns, knocking on doors in a fairy tale search of riches, fame and life as full time footballers.

Just about all were signed only after satisfying their target clubs with trials.

Even as I write a regiment of Aussie players are gypsying their way around Europe in search of the glamorous existence not given them at home.

Strapping former Soccerero and Sydney Croatia



DAVID MITCHELL

defender Alan Hunter is set to trial with Sparta Rotterdam in Holland.

Recently, a couple of prominent Aussies fronted at the doorstep of Graham Arnold in Kerkrade asking to be put in touch with a club.

Gifted South Australian midfielder Aurelio Vidmar has been in Italy as cheap bait for Fiorentina or any club for that matter that will take him.

I have bad news for Aurelio.

The big Italian clubs, as I was told by the owners



EDDIE KRNCVIC

of Fiorentina, cannot afford to sign unknown players from Australia.

The fans, who want glamour and usually want it now, would consider it a deep insult.

And not all that glitters Down Under is gold in Europe.

Robbie Slater, now comfortably off with French Second Division side Lens, had a gloomy and miserable year at Anderlecht, many times flirting with chucking it all in and coming home.

With no vacancy for him in the first team, he was banished to a dingy flat on the seedy side of town, next to a railway station, had no car, and even claimed the money he was promised wasn't delivered.

David Mitchell now languishes in England at a dead end.

Chelsea says he hasn't even a hope of landing a first team spot yet stubbornly refuses to let him go unless some dumb club accedes to his absurdly high transfer fee.

In short it's not the European clubs who want our players as much as the players want the European clubs.

Which is not unusual. Players from Brazil, Argentina and Cameroun want European clubs, too.

But at a price and usually the right price.

It is my view that Australian players are going much too cheaply.

We squirm if an NSL club coughs up \$40,000 for a local player.

But such amounts are petty cash in the books of a European club treasurer.

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Jones takes Kiwi Youth

**Sequel to 6-0 defeat
by Young Socceroos**

playoffs in Fiji in August but rather the widening gap in the standard of football

WELLINGTON — The Youth World Cup playoffs involving Australia, New Zealand and Israel should be moved from Israel to New Zealand, the man tipped to take over as youth All Whites coach, Allan Jones, said last week.

Jones, a former All Whites coach, is expected to succeed Terry Conley as the youth team coach for the playoffs which are to be held in Israel next February.

He said the playoffs should be moved because of the volatile situation in the Middle East.

The teams are to play each other twice with the series winner going through to the finals in Portugal.

Both Jones and Conley would not comment on the strong speculation of an imminent change to the youth team coaching staff.

And New Zealand Football Association chairman Warwick Gendall said he would reserve his comments on the matter for an



ALLAN JONES

appropriate time.

When queried whether Conley had been sacked, Gendall said: "Not at the present."

"If one has any comments to make, it will be made at the right time otherwise it would not be fair on Terry Conley."

But soccer officials who did not want to be named said that Jones' appointment is likely to be confirmed soon.

And the reason for the change was not because of the youth All Whites overall performance in the Oceania qualifying

played between the two countries.

Australia beat New Zealand 6-0 in their second last game during the qualifiers in Fiji.

"It is not for me to speak on any decision made by the NZFA or on Terry Conley," said Jones, who returned from a coaching stint in Kuwait almost a year ago.

He expressed concern over the volatile situation in the Middle East.

"I'm sure FIFA would have contingency plans for such situations."

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Charity Shield preview

Tough for Olympic against SM Hellas

BY GREG BLAKE

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas and Sydney Olympic fans will get an early guide to their respective teams' prospects for the 1990/91 season when the two crack Greek-supported sides meet this Wednesday night in Melbourne in the Charity Shield final at Olympic Park.

At this stage Souths must be favoured to win the trophy.

And both sides, often out of touch in pre-season competitions, will relish the chance for a solid hit-out with the season proper only a matter of days away.

An unexpected Dockerty Cup defeat against State League Brunswick Juventus and a hard-fought 2-1 Gold Cup win over Green Gully gave all indications that Souths are far from their finals form of last season, although a 6-0 trouncing of Croydon had the hallmarks of a return to form.

Hellas, which won last season's NSL Cup final against Olympic, will field its best possible line-up on Wednesday in a bid to get things in order before the club's big opening



KIMON TALIAĐOROS

round clash against Melbourne Croatia.

Olympic, champions last season, looked a far cry from title material in its 5-1 defeat by St George in last week's pre-season Aerolineas Cup, but they bounced back with a fine 3-0 win over Marconi.

If winning form is good form, both sides will be keen to get into the groove with a victory here.

Hellas coach Ferenc Puskas blames national team commitments for his club's staggers in early-season games.

"We've had six players with the national team for four weeks and we need more time for them to run out together," he told ASW.

"I hope we play a good game against

Olympic in a match that people can look forward to.

"I think it is important to win it; it's always good to win games.

"I just hope both sides play entertaining football and that there are no injuries."

Hellas, which bowed out of last year's final at the hands of the eventual champion, has pledged to field its strongest team.

That should be: MacLaren, Healy, Postecoglou, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Taliadoros, Petersen, Trimboli, Tasios and Tsolakis.

Olympic, which lost Gary Phillips to Hong Kong, Steve Georgakakis to Marconi and Alistair Edwards to Singapore will also be

minus Socceroo defender Andrew Bernal, who is on his honeymoon.

However, Abbas Saad may be fit enough to play and coach Mick Hickman may consider new Argentinian Marcelo Toscanelli, who is on trial with the Sydney outfit, as well as Moroccan Othmane Mekeney.

At this stage, the best team available to Hickman would be something like this: Gosling, Barrett, Koch, Hooker, Spyridakos, Hristodoulou, Bennett, Ironside, Saad, Ollerenshaw, Refenes.

Promotion lesson for Aussie soccer

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIAN soccer has a long way to go to catch up to rugby league when it comes to promotion.

This point was exemplified again recently with the league grand final between Canberra and Penrith at Sydney Football Stadium.

Not only was a huge entertainment programme in place to cater for the 41,000 fans, there was radio and television coverage all day long to inform the public right across Australia of what was going on.

Promotion is the best and ONLY way of advertising and lifting the game.

But what most people were unaware of and was even more dramatic, was the fact that every Qantas flight that day had coverage of the grand final whilst their planes were in the air.

All Qantas passengers flying in and out of Australia last Sunday afternoon could listen to the broadcast through their earphones.

But it didn't all end there.

One particular Qantas flight flying out of Sydney for Bali was contacted by ABC Radio not only for the match commentary, but the commentators were able to connect direct from the Sydney Football Stadium and speak to the captain of the Qantas plane and ask him how he, his crew and passengers were enjoying the commentary.

Here is a brief ver-

sion of some of the dialogue that transpired between the Sydney Football Stadium and the Qantas flight captain.

Qantas Flight Captain: "We are now flying over Alice Springs and your commentary is being enjoyed clearly by all my passengers."

"I am English, born in Manchester, and of course my love is soccer."

"But because I live in NSW I suppose I am supporting Penrith."

His words could be heard from 32,000 feet all over Australia on radio.

On the very same day the NSW State League soccer grand final was being played between Wollongong Macedonia and Canberra Croatia.

Most of the general public wasn't aware it was even on.

LAUS LOST, KADRIC IN

BY KEITH GILMOUR

TONY Laus, the New Zealand National League topscorer, will not sign for Wollongong City.

There was a last-minute hitch in his transfer and he won't be playing when Wolves open their season at home against Sydney Olympic in Round 2 at Brandon Park.

This will be the official opening night for the commissioning of the new Brandon Park floodlighting system.

"It will be a big



TONY LAUS.

promotion for the club," secretary John Vlietstra promised.

Wollongong have secured Fabian Kadric from NSW State League club Avala to replace the New Zealander.

Player-coach David Ratcliffe expects the goal-hungry Kadric to score many goals and to fit in well with his new team without too much delay.

John Danzo is likely to lead the attack in next Sunday's opening game against Apia-Leichhardt at Lambert Park.

The club will be reinforced by the signing of midfielder Peter Fowler from Floreat Athena and striker Frank Bate of Stirling Macedonia.

Neither might be available to the Wolves until the third round, as their clubs could be involved in the Western Australian Super League grand final in Perth on Sunday October 14.

Canberra City's aim is being realised

BY KEITH GILMOUR

CANBERRA City Soccer Club president Neal Hummel has put out an emphatic call for all soccer interests in the nation's capital to pull together.

The club successfully runs two club premises in Canberra.

The latest is in City Walk, in the former Unaport Centre.

It has been going so well that the securing of a third location is currently under consideration.

Mr Hummel told ASW: "It is our belief that the cost of running a National League club would be prohibitive for one local club to conduct it alone in Canberra."

"It needs a united Canberra soccer community to finance such a project, and our club will work towards this goal."

Canberra City in past years was saddled with debts.

It has recovered its position, and has sponsored projects such as the ACT Federation Ball, the Primary Schools Soccer Exchange and the Majura youth team amongst many others.

Mr Hummel added: "We supported Croatia Deakin's bid to join the NSL."

"Canberra City Club itself was founded with the aim of having an NSL team."



NEAL HUMMEL

"It is written into the constitution."

"Unlike so many of the so called 'ethnic soccer clubs' there is no provision in our constitution which requires a voting member to be of some cultural or ethnic background."

"The biggest problem was in 1976 when the club started with insufficient funds."

"Idealism is not enough. The club — has to be run like any other business."

"Financial pressure took its toll on Canberra City."

"It was left to a small group of enthusiasts to resource what was left of the club, and now it is now well on its way back."

"One of our main aims is to see Canberra represented at the top, with a highly competitive side."

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BY PAUL GOODWIN

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HUGO GIMENEZ

ASW has also taken the liberty of selecting its own team: after all we have probably seen as wide a cross selection of players as anyone else.

The Team of the Year will still be published after all the votes cast by the coaches have been tallied and our choice will not enter into the calculations.

Snowy Cousins (Orange--Waratah):

Z. Milosavljevic (Aub), S. Paul (CV), P. Webber (CC), J. Gregson (SD), Z. Pavlovic (SD), G. Hatton (CV), S. Disch (CV), W.

Farnsworth (MD), A. Arbelo (FC), L. Ulloa (SD), M. Butler (MW), Steve Viskovic (Auburn Yugal):

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P. Van der Leeden (P), R. Thompson (P), G. Johnson (DH), E. Tomasich (FC), A. Robertson (Wav), Erkin Osman (Rby), T. Gavin (MW), S. Disch (CV), D. Duarte (DH), W. Farnsworth (MD), L. Ulloa (SD).

Agenor Muniz (Dulwich Hill):

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Reserves: D. Hayes (FC), W. Farnsworth (MD), J. Watson (Wav), R. Galloway (FC).

Vince Estavillo (Fairfield City):

R. Pinto (F), W. Pirez (GC), J. Garrett (MW), S. Blackburn (CV), D. Northam (CC), G. Wil-



VINCE ESTAVILLO

ASW 2ND DIVISION SELECT XI

David Fitzsimmons (CC), Darren Northam (CC), Jorge Johnson (DH), Angelo Raguz (GH), Willy Piriz (GC), Zaya Jabrael (DH), Paul Waine (O), Aytec Genc (SD), Andy Ferris (GC), Vlado Zoric (Aub), Dennis Duarte (DH).

Reserves: Borce Bosevski (MD), Kevin Gaffney (DH), Graeme Williamson (GH), Leo Ulloa (SD).

Next week — Team of the Year — As Voted.



Birol Sertbas

liamson (GH), R. Monsalves (GC), V. Zoric (Aub), P. Harriott (Rby), A. Ferris (GC), R. Carney (CV).

Reserves: D. Lauric (CV), Z. Jabrael (DH), D. Bonney (CV), Butt (GH), I. Wotherspoon (Wav).

Mike Johnson (Southern Districts):

K. Farrar (DH), S. Paul (CV), A. Nario (FC), J. Ziras (DH), W. Farnsworth (MD), P. Harriott (Rby), S. Blackburn (CV), D. Duarte (DH), C. Donoso (DH), R. Galloway (FC), S. Disch (CV).

Ray Byles (Campbelltown Vikings):

K. Farrar (DH), D. Northam (CC), J. Devaney (Wav), J. Ziras (DH), K. Gaffney (DH), F. Leyden (Wav), W. Farnsworth (MD), Birol Sertbas (SD), D. Read (SD), D. Duarte (DH), A. Ferris (GC).

Reserves: D. Hayes

(FC), D. Stephenson (P), G. Hastie (FC), J. Kelly (GH).

(Granville Chile)

Due to coaching changes during the season, no details could be supplied by this famous old club, according to its spokesman Eberto Orellano.



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Go to Tokyo for the Toyota Cup

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AC Milan and Olimpia of Paraguay or Barcelona of Ecuador will battle for the Toyota Cup in Tokyo on December 9th and you can be there to see all the action in person.

Sydney travel agent, Viator Travel Pty Ltd of Haberfield, has just put together a special soccer package that costs from \$1,480 and includes:

Economy airfares, meet and greet, airport transfers, accommodation (twin-share), transfer to the Olympic Stadium including reserve tickets to the big match.

Ms Catherine Bamonte, Director of Viator, told ASW last night: "The Toyota Cup brings together the best side from Europe

and the champions from South America for world club supremacy.

"The South American opponent won't be determined till Wednesday week after Olimpia and Barcelona have completed their home and away legs.

"Spearheading Milan again will be Dutch megastars Gullit, Rijkaard and van Basten," she added.

Soccer followers who don't want to miss this classis event must telephone either Ms Bamonte or her husband Antonio on 02 799 3222 as soon as possible because there are only a limited amount of seats available.

You will fly out on December 4th and be back in Australia Tuesday, December 11th.

New Argentinian at Olympic

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



Marcelo Toscanelli and wife Fabiana.

MARCELO Toscanelli, recently arrived in Australia from Argentina via the United States, is currently trialling with NSL champions, Sydney Olympic.

He turned up in Sydney two weeks ago with strong recommendations from former Pan Hellenic player and fellow Argentinian, Hector Martinez.

A former star with champion Argentine club Rosario Central, Toscanelli is an exciting attacking midfielder who is 1.8m tall and weighs 73 kilos.

He could possibly be the answer to Olympic coach Mick Hickman's present player dilemma.

Hickman has lost three of his stars from last season — Gary Phillips, Steve Georgakis and Alistair Edwards. Olympic's midfield

lacks a general, and Toscanelli could fill the bill.

Married to Fabiana, he was enticed into coming to Australia by South American friends who live here.

And he comes with excellent credentials.

Now 27, Toscanelli

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Wanderer Ibro Cahut signs for Wolves

BY WALTER PLESS

IBRO Cahut, the former defender with Tasmanian Cadbury State League club, Croatia-Glenorchy, has signed a two-year contract with NSL club, Wollongong City.

The 24-year-old centre-back left Tasmania three years ago to sign with Brisbane City.

He ended up representing Queensland but was injured during a tour of Fiji.

Last year, Cahut moved to Victoria to play for Melbourne Croatia in the NSL, but he eventually signed with sister club, St Albans Dinamo, instead.

St Albans, a Victorian State League club, paid \$5000 for Cahut's transfer.

"I had a solid year, but a lot was expected of me," Cahut said. "I wasn't allowed to miss a pass even once."

Cahut's chance for a crack at the NSL came a couple of weeks ago when Wollongong offi-



IBRO CAHUT

cials invited him to trial with the club.

He knew coach David Ratcliffe from his Brisbane City days and did not hesitate to accept the invitation.

After spending a week in Wollongong and playing a friendly match against Malaysian champion, Selangor, Cahut was offered a contract.

"I played stopper in the match and I signed the contract immediately afterwards," he said.

"Selangor were a good side, but we beat them 3-1."

"They had a couple of Yugoslavs and a couple of Danes and they were very sharp."

Cahut intends to make the most of his new opportunity and he is also looking forward to meeting up with other former Tasmanians in the NSL, players such as David Clarkson and Luciano Fabrizio of Sunshine George Cross.

"I've not had one bit of luck over the past couple of years," Cahut said.

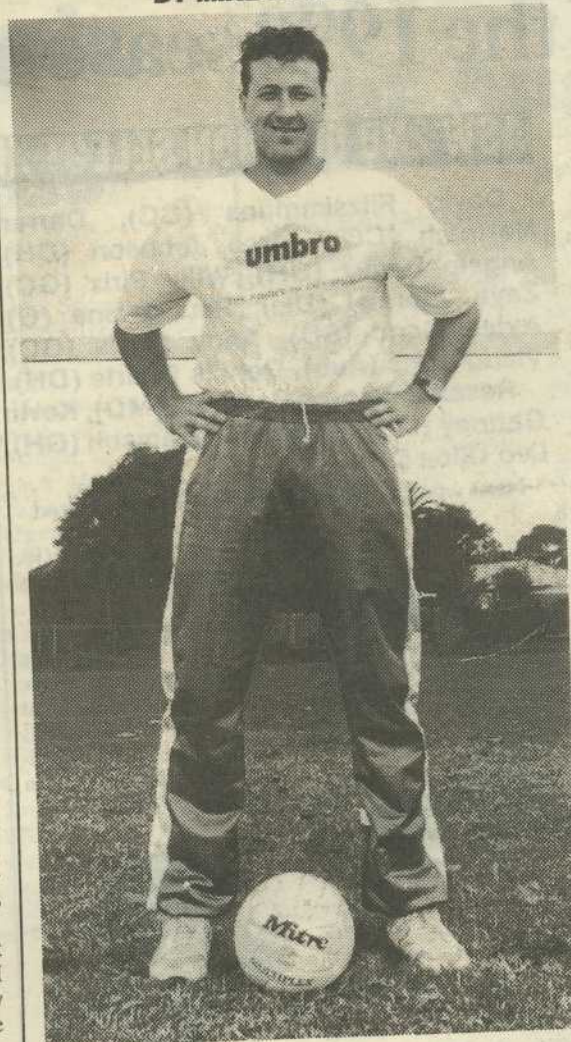
"I should have been in the National League three years ago when I first signed for Brisbane City, but things just didn't go my way."

"But, I've finally got a good contract, and I can hardly wait to play against Melbourne Croatia."

Cahut will work in Wollongong as an estimator in a shopfitting business and will live in a town house in Port Kembla.

Catlin dismissed

BY MIKE KOMADINA



MARCONI goalkeeper Bobby Catlin brought down Marshall Soper outside the box and was sent off by the referee in the 1-1 draw with Melita Eagles at Marconi Stadium last Tuesday night.

Jean-Paul de Marigny was immediately replaced by spare goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer, who received a sample of playing in top company.

Mark Jones, the recent gain from Sydney Croatia, put Marconi one up with a brilliant 25 metre shot in the 30th minute.

Alfredo Barrios went just wide 10 minutes later, and in the 54th minute Washington Gonzales saw his shot into the top corner brilliantly tipped away by Catlin.

In the 60th minute Greg Brown's run finished when Ian Gray scrambled the ball out

for a corner.

Schwarzer showed his potential by saving from a Gonzales free-kick, but Melita's turn came in the 75th minute.

Greg Brown slammed in the equaliser following a Len Vial cross.

Right at the end Schwarzer saved well after Soper had put Aytex Genc through.

MARCONI: Catlin (sent off), Wheatley, Georgiakis, Calderan, Jones, Gray, McCulloch (Corica), De Marigny (Schwarzer), Seal (Nastevski), Katholos, Lowe (Suzor).

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Dickinson, O'Donnell, Barrios, Gonzales, Mason (Cerro), Vial, Gimenez (Williams), Soper, Genc, Brown.

Saints take out Aerolineas Cup

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE won the Aerolineas Cup by defeating a gallant Melita Eagles 3-2 in Round 3 of the pre-season tournament last Thursday night at the St George Stadium.

Three of the five goals came from penalties.

Randell Easthorpe opened the score with a strong header for the Saints as early as in the ninth minute following a free kick.

Mathew Bingley made it 2-0 in the 34th.

Five minutes before halftime Melita equalised from a

penalty scored by Greg Brown after the latter had been fouled in the box by Saints sweeper Milicevic.

Five minutes after the break, Melita equalised through a controversial penalty.

Melita's fiery striker, Marshall Soper, was fouled by St George goalkeeper John Filan and midfielder Gus Cerro scored from the spot.

Five minutes from the end, striker Tony Krslovic broke the dead-lock with a lifting penalty after he himself had been brought down in the box.

OLYMPIC 3-0

Sydney Olympic, the current NSL champions, registered their first victory when they defeated an experimental Marconi 3-0 in the last round of the Aerolineas Cup tournament last Thursday night at St George Stadium to finish third in the tournament.

Striker Scott Ollerenshaw showed glimpses that he's back to form when he scored in the 65th and 75th minutes after tough, mobile centre-back Robbie Ironside had opened the score in the 36th minute.

Marconi's coach, Berti Mariani, utilised six new players in his line-up to experiment with.



Quit

Quit

MATT BINGLEY

AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS CUP

Saints spank Olympic

ST GEORGE coach Frank Arok wore a smile a mile wide after his team downed NSL champions Sydney Olympic 5-1 at Marconi Stadium

on Tuesday night.

Maybe it is a sign of things to come, but the Saints' Young Soccer striker Tony Krslovic was right on target to complete his hat trick.

Other goals went to former Wollongong City striker Randell Easthorpe and Osvaldo El-Ali.

Robert Ironside's reply for Olympic came late in the game.

ST GEORGE: Filan (Blanco), Ballie, Augerinos, Moffatt, Milicevic, O'Shea, Harper (Spanoudakis), Krslovic, Bingley, Easthorpe, El-Ali.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meir, Barrett Koch, Hooker, Platinotis, Hristodoulou (Sharpley), Saad (Refenes), Bennett, Hagan (Pontidas), Ironside, Ollerenshaw.

— MIKE KOMADINA

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DONIKIAN TO COVER THE NSL?

SOCCER's long-awaited breakthrough on commercial radio in Sydney could happen this season.

And George Donikian may be the man who achieves the feat.

The rumour mill has it that Donikian, whose services with the Nine Network have just been terminated, will take over breakfast sport on Radio 2SM.

The station is determined to win a new listening audience and they feel that Donikian would be the ideal man, what with his SBS-TV background, to take the job, with a special emphasis on the National Soccer League.

Watch for developments.

won successive championship medals in 1986 and 87 with Rosario Central.

In 1987, national coach Carlos Bilardo drafted him into the national squad but he did not reach the first XI.

Toscanelli attended the National University at Rosario — approximately 400 kms outside Buenos Aires — where he studied accountancy for four years.

He toured Spain and Italy with Rosario Central and played against Maradona's club, Napoli in 1987.

In April this year he was enticed to go to the States and play for the Colorado Foxes before flying across to Australia.

He has identical looks to former Argentine World Cup hero, Mario Kempes, and speaks exquisite English with a slight trace of an American accent.

We asked him a few questions.

Q: What did you think of the style of soccer here after your first training session with Sydney Olympic?

A: It is of course too early to judge. But to me it looks as if Australia

lian soccer is based very much along the English style. Players run a lot and you have very little time on the ball to do anything clever.

Q: What made you come to Australia in the first place?

A: I like to travel and I have a few friends here in Sydney, so I decided to come here with my wife Fabiana.

Q: You will find our playing surfaces here in Australia are not of the high quality you are used to.

A: I found that out at the first training session.

Q: How did you find the Sydney Olympic players?

A: All of them were helpful and very friendly. They all seem to be a happy group.

Q: How did you find coach Mick Hickman?

A: He seems a very nice person who wants things done his own way. The players seem to have a high respect for him.

If Marcelo Toscanelli proves he can stand up to Australia's fast, physical style of play, he could prove to be an invaluable acquisition to Sydney Olympic, Australia's NSL champions.

So welcome and best wishes.

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WEEK 271
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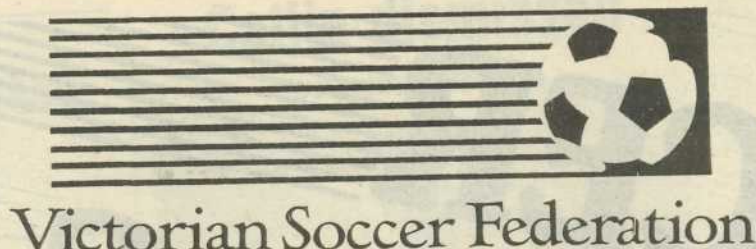
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VIC SENIORS

VIC STATE RESERVES			
B. Juventus	34	25	4 5 105 26 54
Altona Gate	34	23	7 4 81 22 53
H.berg City	34	22	7 5 77 24 51
Morwell	34	19	9 6 64 36 47
Fawkner	34	19	5 10 89 43 42
Bulleen	34	16	10 8 68 41 43
St Albans	34	14	9 11 56 40 37
Thomastown	34	14	5 13 57 58 36
N.ote City	34	15	6 13 57 58 36
Croydon City	34	14	7 12 58 48 35
Caulfield	34	16	2 16 61 54 34
R.wood City	34	11	5 18 62 69 27
Green Gully	34	10	6 18 63 67 26
Box Hill	34	10	6 18 63 67 26
Mooroolbark	34	4	10 20 77 10 16
F.oton Pines	34	3	8 23 77 94 14
Albion	34	3	8 23 77 94 14
M.our City	34	4	5 24 31 127 13

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS			
Doveton	26	16	7 3 41 21 39
Oakleigh	26	17	4 5 48 28 38
Springvale City	26	15	7 4 46 24 37
Westgate	26	13	7 6 46 25 37
Port Melbourne	26	14	4 4 29 31 30
Knox City	26	11	6 9 36 35 28
Nth. Geelong	26	10	5 11 45 40 25
Western Subs.	26	8	10 29 34 24
Werribee	26	8	7 12 32 33 23
Mordialloc	26	6	12 17 25 22
Essendon City	26	7	12 28 42 21
Marib. Polonia	26	4	12 30 31 40
Sandringham	26	5	4 17 19 43 24
Broadmeadows	26	3	4 19 14 41 10

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES			
Doveton	26	18	8 0 71 19 44
Nth. Geelong	26	16	4 5 66 28 36
Port Melbourne	26	14	6 5 52 30 34
Westgate	26	13	8 5 49 29 34
Springvale City	26	14	4 8 41 25 32
Essendon City	26	11	6 9 46 34 28
Marib. Polonia	26	11	6 9 52 46 28
Knox City	26	10	6 10 47 51 26
Werribee	26	7	6 13 40 50 20
Western Subs.	26	8	3 15 52 51 19
Broadmeadows	26	3	4 14 33 76 19
Sandringham	26	6	4 16 31 52 16
Westgate	26	4	4 16 26 67 14
Mordialloc	26	4	4 16 30 82 12

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS			
Bell Park	26	14	9 3 37 13 37
Brighton	26	16	5 5 44 27 37
Kellor	26	16	5 5 44 27 37
Nunawad. City	26	10	9 7 46 33 29
Chelsea	26	10	9 7 46 33 29
Clifton Hill	26	11	6 9 30 30 28
Doncaster	26	7	12 7 31 31 26
Dandenong	26	10	5 11 37 44 25
Waverley City	26	8	10 34 29 24
Sunbury Utd.	26	9	6 11 41 38 24
Geelong	26	9	6 11 41 38 24
Richmond	26	7	12 18 30 21
Coburg	26	5	3 18 24 66 13
Ringwood Utd.	26	2	7 17 25 58 11

VIC DIV TWO RESERVES			
Clifton Hill	26	19	3 4 68 30 41
Waverley City	26	17	4 5 63 33 38
Doncaster	26	15	8 3 59 23 38
Kellor	26	14	8 4 53 30 36
Brighton	26	15	6 4 49 26 35
Sunbury Utd.	26	13	4 9 41 31 30
Bell Park	26	10	7 9 38 34 27
Dandenong	26	10	5 11 39 38 25
Richmond	26	9	4 13 71 52 22
Nunawad. City	26	8	5 13 50 40 21
Geelong	26	8	4 14 39 45 20
Chelsea	26	6	2 18 23 83 14
Coburg	26	5	2 19 29 87 12
Ringwood Utd.	26	2	2 19 29 87 12

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS			
Altona City	26	17	6 3 67 32 40
Bentleigh Green	26	17	4 5 63 33 38
Holland Park	26	14	7 5 53 29 35
Clarendon	26	11	8 7 27 20 30
Seaford Utd.	26	12	5 9 50 37 29
Corio-Geelong	26	11	7 46 41 27
Heidelberg City	26	11	7 25 29 27
Lalor United	26	9	8 42 39 26
Croydon City	26	8	9 44 43 25
Mooroolbark City	26	6	9 11 24 36 21
Et. Diam. Valley	26	6	8 12 26 34 20
Springvale Utd.	26	7	4 15 28 58 18
Mornington	26	5	4 17 33 55 14
Yarraville	26	2	8 16 18 54 12

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES			
Lalor United	26	18	5 3 52 28 41
Altona City	26	18	1 7 57 32 37
Croydon City	26	16	4 6 60 20 36
Mooroolbark City	26	15	6 6 64 27 35
Seaford United	26	13	5 7 60 34 31
Et. Diam. Valley	26	14	5 8 59 44 33
Clarendon	26	12	2 12 45 42 26
Bentleigh Green	26	8	5 13 48 50 21
Heidelberg City	26	8	5 13 48 50 21

Corio-Geelong	26	9	3 14 52 67 21
Springvale Utd.	26	6	5 15 48 69 17
Holland Park	26	7	2 17 58 83 16
Mornington	26	7	1 18 32 77 15
Yarraville	26	4	3 19 22 78 11

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS			
E. Bruns-Ivan	26	16	7 3 50 20 39
Oakleigh Subs.	26	16	7 3 52 27 39
Pascoe Vaders	26	14	3 9 50 25 31
Spring. Condors	26	14	3 9 50 25 31
Regent	26	12	6 8 49 29 30
MoreParkRang.	26	11	7 31 34 27
Hawthorn	26	10	5 11 45 39 25
Langwarrin	26	8	7 11 24 31 23
Hamlyn Rang.s	26	6	11 9 38 49 23
Karingal Utd.	26	7	8 11 37 45 22
Boronia	26	7	6 13 35 58 20
Rosanna	26	7	5 14 29 45 19
Ferntree Gully	26	4	10 12 28 52 18
Yallourn	26	1	7 18 24 61 9

VIC DIV FOUR RESERVES			
E. Bruns-Ivan	26	20	5 1 70 24 45
Langwarrin	26	15	4 7 61 34 34
Hamlyn Rang.s	26	14	5 7 50 32 33
Spring. Condors	26	14	4 8 65 36 32
Karingal Utd.	26	12	6 8 55 32 30
MoreParkRang.	26	10	5 4 46 31 30
Pascoe Vaders	26	11	8 7 38 34 30
Boronia	26	7	11 8 32 33 25
Hawthorn	26	11	2 12 52 62 24
Oakleigh Subs.	26	7	5 14 41 47 19
Rosanna	26	7	5 14 36 49 19
Regent	26	5	8 13 15 33 18
Ferntree Gully	26	6	4 14 33 57 18
Yallourn	26	1	3 22 13 103 5

VIC PROV ONE FIRSTS			
Sth. Dandenong	27	17	7 3 66 30 41
Cranbourne	27	18	4 5 42 14 40
Sth. Werribee	27	15	8 4 65 38 38
Malvern City	27	14	5 8 57 34 33
Altona East	27	12	7 8 42 35 31
Nth. Sunshine	27	12	6 9 42 35 30
Melton	27	11	6 10 54 40 28
Williamstown	27	10	9 36 40 26
Westvale	28	9	8 11 36 48 26
Berwick City	27	8	10 45 36 25
Brunswick City	27	7	9 11 34 49 23
Forest Hill	27	9	13 40 49 23
East Geelong	27	5	9 13 27 46 19
M. J. Ranger	27	4	6 17 28 62 14
Keysborough	27	3	5 19 20 78 11

VIC PROV ONE RESERVES			
Malvern City	26	18	4 8 47 48 40
Westvale	28	14	5 4 37 35 37
Sth. Dandenong	27	16	4 7 66 34 36
Melton	27	13	8 6 46 32 34
Williamstown	27	13	8 6 52 47 34
Nth. Sunshine	27	12	8 7 52 30 32
Altona East	27	13	5 9 43 48 31
Sth. Werribee	25	11	7 5 44 38 29
Mossfield Ranger	27	10	11 37 42 23
Berwick City	27	9	13 41 57 23
Cranbourne	27	9	14 50 48 22
East Geelong	27	7	6 14 39 57 20
Forest Hill	27	5	6 16 36 66 16
Keysborough	27	4	4 19 27 77 12
Brunswick City	27	2	6 18 25 63 10

VIC PROV TWO FIRSTS			
Sth. Springvale	29	22	5 2 74 22 49
Frankston Utd.	29	22	4 3 74 30 48
Lyndale Utd.	29	17	5 7 59 40 39
Ascot St. Marks	29	17	4 8 65 34 38
Ballaarat	29	16	6 7 59 36 38
Ballaarat	29	14	9 6 49 30 37
Meadow Park	29	13	5 11 59 31
Brintons	29	11	5 13 41 50 27
Brandon Park	29	10	11 37 41 26
Fitzroy City	29	8	13 33 43 24
Waverley Utd.	29	7	6 16 35 50 20
Unif. of Melb.	29	7	6 16 34 49 20
Port United	29	7	6 16 34 60 20
South Yarra	29	6	6 17 32 55 18
Kew Eagles	29	6	4 19 36 75 16
R.wood Rovers	29	4	5 20 25 64 13

VIC PROV TWO RESERVES			
Ballaarat	29	20	5 4 83 30 45
Sth. Springvale	29	19	5 5 73 28 43
Frankston Utd.	29	16	7 6 41 19 39
Caulfield City	29	16	7 6 58 39 39
Unif. of Melb.	29	15	5 9 61 37 35
Lyndale Utd.	28	13	7 8 45 39 33
Ascot St. Marks	28	14	4 10 61 46 32
Lalor	29	7	10 12 42 37 24
Brintons	29	7	10 12 31 43 24
Waverley Utd.	28	10	4 14 37 57 24
Port Utd.	29	10	4 15 40 61 24
Brandon Park	29	7	9 13 44 55 23
Fitzroy City	28	10	3 15 51 77 23
South Yarra	29	9	4 16 53 67 22
R.wood Rovers	29	7	7 15 37 67 21
Kew Eagles	29	1	7 21 22 77 9

VIC PROV THREE FIRSTS			
Wentworth	29	22	3 4 79 23 47
Mentone Utd.	29	22	2 5 75 26 46
S.L. Kilda	28	15	8 5 44 27 38
Glenroy	29	16	4 9 48 42 36
Hampton Park	29	15	5 9 53 35 35
East Richmond	29	13	8 6 40 41 34
Carrum Utd.	29	13	8 8 46 40 34
Mitcham Utd.	29	12	8 9 52 35 32
Monbulk	29	10	6 13 51 60 26

Monash Uni.	29	8	7 14 40 51 23
Batman Utd.	29	8	6 14 44 58 22
Wth. Clayton	29	9	3 17 35 46 21
Mord. Sparrows	29	7	7 15 33 56 21
Riversdale	29	7	6 16 31 58 20
Sunshine Park	29	5	5 19 26 64 15
Beaumaris	29	5	2 22 31 94 12

VIC PROV THREE RESERVES			
Glenroy	29	20	4 5 91 40 44
Monash Uni.	29	18	4 4 82 24 43
Monbulk	28	16	4 8 56 31 36
Riversdale	29	13	10 6 60 41 36
East Richmond	29	14	7 8 76 53 35
Wentworth	29	13	8 8 49 41 34
Mitcham Utd.	29	10	12 7 63 51 32
Batman Utd.	29	13	8 8 49 41 34
Sunshine Park	28	11	9 9 64 54 31
Mentone Utd.	28	11	9 9 64 54 31
Hampton Park	28	10	6 12 43 45 26
S.L. Kilda	29	9	8 12 48 57 26
Mord. Sparrows	29	4	7 18 39 80 15
Nth. Clayton	28	5	5 18 32 91 15
Carrum Utd.	29	6	2 21 40 92 14
Beaumaris	29	3	3 23 30 97 9

VIC AMAT ONE FIRSTS			
Old Scotch	22	15	4 3 76 29 34
Waver. Wand.s	22	15	2 5 71 40 32
Diggers Rest	22	11	8 3 45 23 30
Hawthorn Utd.	22	8	4 9 51 42 22
Kellor Utd.	22	8	6 8 49 42 22
Collingwood	22	8	5 9 40 41 21
Oakleigh Utd.	22	9	3 10 44 52 21
Latrobe Utd.	22	9	3 10 38 57 21
B. Meads. Utd.	22	5	8 9 42 61 18
Northern Utd.	22	4	10 8 31 51 18
Balwyn	22	6	3 15 45 53 15
Phillip Inst.	22	3	4 15 38 74 10

VIC AMAT ONE RESERVES			
Old Scotch	22	18	2 7 4 26 38
Bahwyn	22	15	4 3 71 25 34
Waver.Wand.s	22	11	6 5 57 27 28
Collingwood	22	11	1 10 57 53 23
B.Meadows Utd.	22	8	6 8 42 54 22
Kellor Utd.	22	7	7 8 34 42 21
Diggers Rest	22	8	4 10 50 42 20
Oakleigh Utd.	21	7	5 9 35 47 19
Hawthorn Utd.	21	6	6 9 35 42 18
Latrobe Uni.	22	7	4 11 44 56 18
Phillip Inst.	22	6	4 12 34 58 18
Hawthorn Utd.	22	1	3 18 25 77



Theo's shock double in Croatia win

BY DAVID BULLOCK

MELBOURNE Croatia clinched the 1990 Vic Health Dockerty Cup Final with a hard fought 3-1 victory over Brunswick Juventus at Olympic Park yesterday.

It was Croatia's seventh Dockerty Cup title in the series, which began way back in 1909.

The victory helped to erase the memory of the 1988 final when the Cup was taken away from them after South Melbourne Hellas protested successfully against an ineligible player after the scoreline had read 4-3 in Croatia's favour.

Croatia opened the scoring in the 27th minute when a free kick from Branko Milosevic just outside the goal area was headed on by Ivan Kelic across the goalmouth for Theo Selemidis to head past Brunswick keeper Pat Maramma from close range.

Croatia went close



Brunswick Juventus star Brian McNicol on the ball against league leader Heidelberg.

to going 2-0 ahead right on the last whistle before halftime when Kelic, with only the keeper to beat, fired his attempt over the crossbar.

Juventus equalised in a sensational circumstance in the 60th minute through a goalkeeping error.

A free kick from Sean Lane was laid into the path of Fausto

De Amicis, who from 30 metres hit a thundering shot straight at opposing keeper, David Miller.

What should have been a simple catch turned into a nightmare for Miller as the ball went through his hands and into the back of the net.

Juventus turned on the power after gaining the equaliser and came

close to going ahead in the 70th minute.

Steve Smith, running into an open goal with only Miller to beat, was foiled by the Croatian keeper.

As the ball rebounded free, Charlie Egan

fired at goal but Alan Davidson was on hand to make a decisive clearance.

With the match looking destined for extra time, Francis Awaritefe put Croatia ahead in the 83rd minute.

A corner kick from the left by Milosevic was headed home by the tall Croatia striker past goalkeeper, Pat Maramma.

Within a minute Croatia sealed the match when Milosevic again delivered a corner kick from the left and Selemidis, at the near post, flicked the ball into the back of the net.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller, Talajic, Marth, Davidson, Hannah, Silic, Milosevic, Selemidis, Talic, Caleta, Awaritefe.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Maramma, Marley, Mori, Della Rocca, De Amicis, Lane, Woodall (Egan 55m), Sabatino, Doyle, Pattison (McNicol 84m), Smith.

Scorers: Selemidis 27m, 84m, Awaritefe 83m, De Amicis 60m.

HARRY ARMSTRONG RESERVE CUP FINAL

Altona Gate 2 (Grozdanovski, Presilski) Mooroolbark 1 (Marshall).

Egan puts Brunswick Juventus in final

BY GREG BLAKE

GIANT-killing Brunswick Juventus earned itself yet another cup final berth last Thursday night at Olympic Park when it won its way through to the Vic Health Gold Cup final where it will meet South Melbourne Hellas.

In last Thursday's semi-finals Juventus rolled Sunshine George Cross 2-1 and South Melbourne Hellas thrashed Croydon City 6-0.

Juve, a Dockerty Cup finalist last Sunday, made it four NSL scalps in recent cup competition when it knocked off a weakened Sunshine on Thursday night.

Juventus, which has beaten South Melbourne, Preston Makedonia and George Cross twice in the past fortnight, always looked a match for its semi-final opponent in a lively and sometimes physical affair.

Damian Mori, who

is obviously still intent on proving that South Melbourne was premature in selling him six months ago, scored a cracking goal to set Juve on its way when he scooted away down the left and swung a sweeping shot from outside the box into the far top corner of the net with just 10 minutes played.

Paul Foster levelled for Georgie 10 minutes later when he rose to head home Troy Cranney's far post cross.

George Cross had the better of the remainder of the half and might well have gone in with a lead had Derek Hunter not been denied by the woodwork and David Clarkson not been foiled by a great save from Sean Keogh.

But late substitute Charlie Egan took the match by the scruff of the neck just eight minutes after coming on to the park with a driving run from just inside his own half which ended with him dummying Keogh and stepping past the keeper before clipping his shot home for 2-1.



CHARLIE EGAN

South Melbourne, which went down 4-2 to Juventus in a dramatic Dockerty Cup tie two weeks ago, has set up a re-match with the black and whites after an easy 6-0 romp against Croydon in the early game last Thursday evening.

Croydon, without ace marksman Andy Humble for the game, looked tired and jaded

in what proved to be its last competition match of an arduous season and South Melbourne had no trouble cruising to victory.

A first half Paul Trimboli hat-trick spelt the end for Croydon with the brilliant Soccerroo scoring in the 6th, 18th and 30th minutes, the third goal from the penalty spot.

Kim Taliadoros made it 4-0 10 minutes after the interval and then 5-0 eleven minutes later with Steve Tasios adding the final touch just four minutes from full-time.

South Melbourne Hellas, shooting for its third successive Gold Cup win, will meet Brunswick Juventus in the 1990 final at Olympic Park on Wednesday, October 10.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Maramma, Maley, Mori, Della Rocca, De Amicis, Lane, Woodall, Sabatino, Doyle (Egan 66), Patterson (McNicol 86), Smith.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh, Alevisos, Roodhouse, Koliba, Fabrizio, Cranney (Attard 85), Kindtner, Hunter, Foster, Clarkson, Zacharias.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: MacLaren, Healy, Postecoglou, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Taliadoros, Petersen (Wright HT), Trimboli (Palatsides 66),

Tasios, Tsolakis (Michailakopoulos 66).

CROYDON: McKinley, Brack, Gabrielson, Runje, McMillan (Dobson HT), Brown, van Egmond, Harris (Dougherty HT), Field (Kaukaianew HT), Klepac, Brimmer.

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making two half time changes and levelled the score seven minutes into the second period as George Alevisos' delightful out-swinging cross was headed home by Paul Foster.

Buoyed by the equaliser, George Cross sailed forward and missed chances fell to Lorenc Kindtner and Foster before Athan Zacharias made it 2-1, after running on to Kindtner's pass in the 67th minute.

Zacharias had a second goal disallowed minutes later but Sunshine finished off its demolition job when Kindtner struck in the 87th minute and Foster netted his second goal of the evening seconds into injury time.

Gold Medal race

BY GREG BLAKE

VICTORIAN attention will turn towards events at the Southern Cross ballroom this Friday night when votes are counted for the 20th annual Gold Medal for the Best and Fairest in Victorian State League competition.

Voting on a 3-2-1 basis is done by match referees at all State League fixtures during the season, culminating in Friday night's count when Victoria's best of the best is selected.

Croydon City's Andy Humble, the 1990 Bill Fleming Medal winner, is expected to poll well but is not eligible to win the medal after being sent off during the season.

Ironically, both he and Heidelberg's Paul Lewis, who were indulging in a two-man war to end the season as the competition's top target man, are out

of contention with Lewis also having earned his marching orders during the 1990 campaign.

Favouritism is now with championship-winning Heidelberg pair Phil Stubbins and Alan Scott although too many other Heidelberg stars may have taken votes away from each other for a winning total from that club.

Pre-count favourite is now young Brunswick Juventus star Fausto De Amicis, who also did well in the Fleming Medal count.

Players attending Friday night's medal count are:

CROYDON — A. Humble, N. van Egmond, G. Runje.

B. JUVENTUS — F. De Amicis, J. Doyle, S. Lane.

HEIDELBERG — P. Stubbins, A. Scott, G. MacDowall.

RINGWOOD — S. McGuigan, P. May, M. Maguire.

GREEN GULLY — A. Kotzamachalis, J. Faulkner, K. Smart.

FAWKNER — C. Lucchessi, R. Walsh, S. Emmanuelle.

MORWELL — E. Cassar, S. Byrne, J. McBride.

BULLEEN — D. Tuck, R. Krajacic, A. Livingstone.

THOMASTOWN — D. Hennessey, C. Taylor, E. Sinclair.

NORTHCOTE — P. Ramos, R. Palmarrichiotti, J. Constantinou.

CAULFIELD — P. Donnelly, D. Anastasiadis, G. Kalogeros.

MELBOURNE JUST — C. Retre, T. Karic, B. Lazopoulos.

FRANKSTON PINES — C. Miller, L. Davies, I. Weir.

BOX HILL — B. Thomas, C. Davidson, P. Cooper.

MOOROOLBARK — B. Russell, K. Long, K. Adams.

ST ALBANS — J. Eres, M. Colina, D. Basara.

ALBION — T. James, E. Toth, J. Burgess.

ALTONA GATE — V. Torteviski, T. Markovski, S. Micevski.

For the record my top three selections are:

1. T. James (Albion)
2. P. Stubbins (Heid)
3. F. De Amicis (Juve)

BRIBE SHOCK

THE Victorian Soccer Federation is to investigate allegations of bribery following an incident at a crucial derby game between Geelong and Bell Park.

Geelong Soccer Club alleges one of its players was offered a bribe in the toilets of the Bell Park clubrooms prior to the vital Division 2 clash on September 15.

Bell Park won the game against Geelong by a solitary goal and a fortnight ago went on to win the league in a tight championship race.

Geelong is claiming that after the September 15 clash a Bell Park member approached their player and slipped a \$300 cheque into his pocket.

The club has since forwarded a copy of the cheque and details of the alleged incident to the VSF.

VSF executive director George Wallace said a tribunal would investigate the matter.

He said he was still waiting for a report on the incident from Bell Park.

— AAP

Huge youth task for Steve Derby

BY WALTER PLESS

STEVE Derby has been appointed as the National Soccer Development Officer.



STEVE DARBY

The announcement was made by Australian Soccer Federation chairman John Constantine who said: "Steve's knowledge and expertise in this area will be of immense benefit to soccer in Australia."

The position is a new one and is financed jointly by the Federal Government's Australian Sports Commission and the ASF.

Mr Constantine placed on record the contribution of the Australian Sports Commission in the establishment of this key role in the ASF's management structure.

Darby, a native of Liverpool, England, is currently an employee of the Sports Commission based in Canberra

and is National Executive Director of the extensive Aussie Sports programme.

He will move to Sydney next month to take up his appointment.

Darby has enjoyed a meteoric rise in Australian soccer since arriving in the contry from Bahrain, where he was assistant national coach in 1980.

He first went to Tasmania to coach State League side Devenport City, and then became Tasmanian State Director of Coaching.

He then played for University and South Hobart before coaching White Eagle to the 1986 league title.

In 1981, he coached Tasmania to a victory over South Melbourne Hellas at South Hobart.

Darby moved to Canberra in 1987 and has held various top posts in the ACT.

The coached the ACT in their match against England's Charlton Athletic earlier this year as well as being the ACT Federation vice-president.

In accepting the position, Darby was enthusiastic about his new challenge.

"My major aim is to build on soccer's greatest asset, its massive junior participant base," he said.

"In that regard I shall initiate immediate and long-term planning of Development Programmes that will achieve the stated objectives."

That Tasios courage deserves its reward

BY GREG BLAKE



STEVE TASIOS — fighting back in the face of adversity.

ON the eve of yet another comeback, South Melbourne champion Steve Tasios all but begged me not to write yet another injury story.

Sorry Steve, no can do.

But what I can do is to declare that if Steve Tasios isn't one of the most courageous players to have graced the NSL in the past ten years then I don't know what fighting back in the face of adversity is all about.

Fair dinkum, the way things have gone

for the Souths speedster in recent years it seems that if he's got one it'll get broken and if it's catching, he'll catch it.

He's had just one injury or illness free season in his five since moving to Middle Park and at 23 years of age that just doesn't seem quite fair.

"But please don't write me off as injury prone," he told ASW on the eve of the new season.

"Don't forget that I had no problems at Heidelberg for two years before I moved."

This time around Tasios is recovering from the bones broken in his foot mid-way through the last campaign.

The break came as he thought he was recovering from stress fractures of the foot.

They came on top of an illness interrupted 1989, when he missed a great chunk of the season getting over glandular fever.

The season before, 1988, he and Hellas burned.

A fit and furious Tasios added a touch of class to a brilliant side which took all before it in the league that year.

I've felt that it's probably no coincidence that the loss of Tasios for the better part of the next two seasons meant that the club never quite recaptured that barnstorming form.

"It's nice to hear people thinking that way, but I'm sure that the boys could have gone all the way without me last year," he says.

"I really don't think that it was just because I was missing."

But there is no doubt that Hellas track-watchers are drooling at the prospect of a midfield plus

rather than minus the skills of the midfielder with the afterburner pace enough to tear any defence to shreds.

"At the moment I feel good and hopefully I can get it all together again this season," he told me.

"In 1988 I had a good pre-season and I went through the season injury free."

"The main thing for me at the moment is to do the same and just try to get through the training sessions OK."

"As for my speed, I'm working on it."

Whether it's something in the air down Middle Park way or whether 'Tas' crossed paths with a black cat and wandered under a ladder, as he says, it's been disaster from day one at South Melbourne.

Without trying to chronicle the entire injury list since 1986, what with the cartilage operations and knee problems in 1986 and '87, and the troubles of the past two seasons it is not hard to appreciate Tasios' courage.

Whilst others might have given the game away 'Tas' has hung in there in the hope that five years of bad luck will turn around.

"There's no doubt I've felt very disturbed and very disheartened at times," he admitted.

"And I've certainly considered giving it away before this."

"But I'm not thinking negatively and I want to give it a go."

"I've decided to continue on and see how I go, but if I break down again I reckon I'll give it away."

But then again, having seen him battle his way back so many times before, maybe he won't.

Hopefully he won't have to.

It's about time his courage was rewarded.

Keogh's leadership

BY GREG BLAKE

LONG-serving goalkeeper Sean Keogh has pledged his allegiance to Sunshine George Cross for another season when it looked for a time that Victoria's best performed custodian of 1989/90 might have been moving on.

But as well as re-signing with Sunshine for a further 12 months Keogh, recently named skipper in place of Preston-bound Shaun Parrott, has also pledged to up his performance level a notch.

And that news is certain to please the Skinner Reserve faithful.

Keogh, relishing the chance to take on the leadership role, admitted he would have been disappointed had he not been at least considered a contender for the captaincy.

Whilst conceding that it might be a difficult job from the goalkeeping position, Keogh has promised to give the club his all for the new season.

"I really believe I'm going to have to pick up my performance by one extra level this season," he told ASW.



le at the suggestion that being captain of the Sunshine club was as dubious an honour as being skipper on the Titanic.

"Yes, I guess if you



SEAN KEOGH: chose to remain faithful to Sunshine George Cross.

"That is one sure way that I can set an example for the other players."

And that will be music to the ears of Sunshine's fanatical Maltese following, many of whom already rate Keogh the best goalkeeper in Victoria.

It was touch and go that Keogh would even start a sixth campaign with the club in 1990/91.

As he candidly admits: "In the end it was almost George Cross or nowhere."

"Certainly I'm happy to go back to the club and we came to a satisfactory agreement in the end."

"But even had I wanted a move it is a tough situation with so few clubs in Melbourne."

"The chances of a move are very limited."

But with an unsettled pre-season now behind him Keogh is now concentrating on the commitment of a new and testing season ahead.

Keogh raised a chuck-

look at past history you'd have to say it was going to be a tough job," he told me.

"But especially as captain you have to be positive, particularly pre-season."

"And we've got some good young kids coming in to the team for the new season."

"Whilst that doesn't necessarily mean they are of NSL standard if anything will turn things around it is an injection of new blood."

"That is certain to give us a boost."

"And I believe a number of the players who came into the side last season as young fellows should develop into good regular first team players."

"We struggled last year and yet we showed we could match it with top sides on occasions."

"I think in the end we lacked consistency and perhaps the attitude was wrong at times."

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JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

SAINTS' PRE-SEASON BALL

SAINTS' kicked off their 1990-91 season in true style with their Pre Season Ball at the plush, newly opened, Brighton Resort Hotel.

A select group of 250 guests were wined, dined and entertained in style as Saints presented their new number one badge holder, NSW Premier Nick Greiner, with his honour.

Mr Greiner, no newcomer to St George, thanks to a childhood of following the club with his father, said he was honoured to accept Saints' number one ticket.

In accepting, however, he offered his best wishes with the warning that he is also the number one ticket holder for South Sydney (rugby league) Gordon (rugby union) and the Sydney Swans (AFL).

Souths finished last in the recently completed NSW Rugby Football League, the Swans finished second last and Gordon third last in their respective competitions.

"I hope I bring better luck to Saints," said the Premier.

The black tie affair evening was such a huge success for Saints that they intend holding another ball at the same venue during the season.



Lothar Matthaus celebrates after winning the World Cup. He's not too happy these days as he is sidelined through injury and did not play in Inter Milan's two UEFA Cup ties against Rapid Vienna.

Quickest goal wins Susic Seiko award

YUGOSLAV schemer, Safet Susic, scored the fastest goal of the World Cup in Italy and thus secured his place among the World's most talented footballers.



Speedy Safet Susic.

For scoring against the United Arab Emirates after only three minutes and 58 seconds, Susic won the Seiko Fastest Goal Award, a specially-engraved Seiko watch.

FIFA's marketing partners, ISL, along with the Seiko Company introduced this special prize for the first time at the Final Competition of the 1978 FIFA World Cup.

The next five ITALIA '90 fastest scorers also received an accolade, as is the rule at the Final Competitions of all World and European Cups.

The list reads: 1. Safet Susic (Yugoslavia), 2. Darko Pancev (Yugoslavia), 3. Gary Lineker (England), 4.



Toto Schillaci (Italy), 5. Ruud Gullit (Netherlands), 6. Stuart McCall (Scotland).



Tony Balazsi (left) with Premier Nick (Saints new number one badge holder), Frank Arok, and Aerolineas' Argentinas Jamie Gomez.



Physio Pedro Ruz pictured with Blago Milicevic (back) and John Kakas (front left) and Adam Ciantor (front right) at the Resort.



Tony Krslovic (centre) demonstrates to Andy Koczka (right) how he succeeds at corners, while Mike O'Shea (left) has heard it all before.



Premier Nick Greiner, wife Kathryn and Tony Balazsi with the Brighton Resort manager.



From left: Saints' Craig McGregor, Cameron Watson, Adam Poric and Steve Hickman (son of Sydney Olympic coach, Mike) with their respective ladies at Saints' Ball.



Mr and Mrs Andy Harper and Craig Moffitt.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



ROUND 1 Sun October 7

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	v	MELITA EAGLES (SAT 6)
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	v	MELBOURNE CROATIA
SYDNEY CROATIA	v	MARCONI
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	v	HEIDELBERG UNITED
APIA LEICHHARDT	v	ST GEORGE BSC
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	v	WOLLONGONG CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	ADELAIDE CITY

SCORE

Brandon Park 3pm	.....
Middle Park 3pm	.....
Croatian Spts C 7pm	.....
Skinner Reserve 3pm	.....
Lambert Park 3pm	.....
Connor Reserve 3pm	.....
St George Stadium 7pm	.....

ROUND 2 Sun October 14

WOLLONGONG CITY	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC (FRI 12)
ST GEORGE BSC	v	PRESTON MAKEDONIA
HEIDELBERG UNITED	v	APIA LEICHHARDT
MARCONI	v	SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
MELBOURNE CROATIA	v	SYDNEY CROATIA
MELITA EAGLES	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
ADELAIDE CITY	v	WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA

SCORE

Brandon Park 7pm	.....
St George Stadium 7pm	.....
Olympic Village 3pm	.....
Marconi Stadium 3pm	.....
Somers Street 3pm	.....
Melita Stadium 3pm	.....
Hindmarsh Stad. 8pm	.....

ROUND 3 Sun October 21

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	v	ADELAIDE CITY
SYDNEY CROATIA	v	MELITA EAGLES
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	v	MELBOURNE CROATIA
APIA LEICHHARDT	v	MARCONI
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	v	HEIDELBERG UNITED
WOLLONGONG CITY	v	ST GEORGE BSC
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA

SCORE

Middle Park 3pm	.....
Croatian Spts C 3pm	.....
Skinner Reserve 3pm	.....
Lambert Park 3pm	.....
Connor Reserve 3pm	.....
Brandon Park 3pm	.....
St George Stadium 7pm	.....

ROUND 4 Sun October 28

MELITA EAGLES	v	SUNSHINE G.C. (SAT 27)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	ST GEORGE BSC
HEIDELBERG UNITED	v	WOLLONGONG CITY
MARCONI	v	PRESTON MAKEDONIA
MELBOURNE CROATIA	v	APIA LEICHHARDT
ADELAIDE CITY	v	SYDNEY CROATIA
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

SCORE

Melita Stadium 7pm	.....
St George Stadium 7pm	.....
Olympic Village 5pm	.....
Marconi Stadium 7pm	.....
Somers Street 5pm	.....
Hindmarsh Stad. 8pm	.....
Brandon Park 7pm	.....

ROUND 5 Sun November 4

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	v	ADELAIDE CITY
APIA LEICHHARDT	v	MELITA EAGLES 5pm
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	v	MELBOURNE CROATIA
WOLLONGONG CITY	v	MARCONI
ST GEORGE BSC	v	HEIDELBERG UNITED
SYDNEY CROATIA	v	WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA

SCORE

Middle Park 6pm	.....
Skinner Reserve 6pm	.....
Lambert Park 5pm	.....
Connor Reserve 6pm	.....
Brandon Park 7pm	.....
St George Stad. 7pm	.....
Croatian Spts C 7pm	.....

ROUND 6 Sun November 11

SYDNEY CROATIA	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	v	WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA
APIA LEICHHARDT	v	ADELAIDE CITY
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	v	MELITA EAGLES
WOLLONGONG CITY	v	MELBOURNE CROATIA
ST GEORGE BSC	v	MARCONI
HEIDELBERG UNITED	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC

SCORE

Croatian Spts C 7pm	.....
Skinner Reserve 6pm	.....
Lambert Park 5pm	.....
Connor Reserve 6pm	.....
Brandon Park 7pm	.....
St George Stad. 7pm	.....
Olympic Village 6pm	.....

ROUND 7 Sun November 18

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	v	SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
MARCONI	v	HEIDELBERG UNITED
MELBOURNE CROATIA	v	ST GEORGE BSC
MELITA EAGLES	v	WOLLONGONG CITY
ADELAIDE CITY	v	PRESTON MAKEDONIA
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	v	APIA LEICHHARDT
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	SYDNEY CROATIA

SCORE

Middle Park 6pm	.....
Marconi Stadium 7pm	.....
Somers Street 6pm	.....
Melita Stadium 7pm	.....
Hindmarsh Stad. 8pm	.....
Brandon Park 7pm	.....
St George Stadium 7pm	.....

ROUND 8 Sun November 25

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	v	SYDNEY CROATIA
APIA LEICHHARDT	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	v	WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA
WOLLONGONG CITY	v	ADELAIDE CITY
ST GEORGE BSC	v	MELITA EAGLES
HEIDELBERG UNITED	v	MELBOURNE CROATIA
MARCONI	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC

SCORE

Skinner Reserve 6pm	.....
Lambert Park 5pm	.....
Connor Reserve 6pm	.....
Brandon Park 7pm	.....
St George Stad. 7pm	.....
Olympic Village 6pm	.....
Marconi Stadium 7pm	.....

ROUND 9 Sun December 2

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	v	PRESTON MAKEDONIA
SYDNEY CROATIA	v	APIA LEICHHARDT
MELBOURNE CROATIA	v	MARCONI
MELITA EAGLES	v	HEIDELBERG UNITED
ADELAIDE CITY	v	ST GEORGE BSC
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	v	WOLLONGONG CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

SCORE

Middle Park 6pm	.....
Croatian Spts C 7pm	.....
Somers Street 6pm	.....
Melita Stad. 7pm	.....
Hindmarsh Stad. 8pm	.....
Brandon Park 7pm
St George Stad. 7pm

ROUND 10 Sun December 9

APIA LEICHHARDT	v	SUNSHINE G
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ST GEORGE BSC	v	WOLLONGO
HEIDELBERG UNITED	v	ADELAIDE
MARCONI	v	MELITA EA
MELBOURNE CROATIA	v	SYDNEY O

ROUND 11 Sun December 16

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	v	ST GEORGE
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SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	v	PRESTON M
MELITA EAGLES	v	MELBOURN
ADELAIDE CITY	v	MARCONI
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	v	HEIDELBER
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	APIA LEIC

ROUND 12 Sun December 23

PRESTON MAKEDONIA	v	APIA LEIC
WOLLONGONG CITY	v	SUNSHINE
ST GEORGE BSC	v	SYDNEY C
HEIDELBERG UNITED	v	SOUTH ME
MARCONI	v	WOLLONG
MELBOURNE CROATIA	v	ADELAIDE
MELITA EAGLES	v	SYDNEY O

ROUND 13 Sun December 30

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	v	ST GEORGE
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	v	MARCONI
SYDNEY CROATIA	v	HEIDELBE
APIA LEICHHARDT	v	WOLLONG
ADELAIDE CITY	v	MELITA EA
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	v	MELBOUR
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	PRESTON

ROUND 14 Sun January 6

WOLLONGONG CITY	v	PRESTON
ST GEORGE BSC	v	APIA LEIC
HEIDELBERG UNITED	v	SUNSHINE
MARCONI	v	SYDNEY C
MELBOURNE CROATIA	v	SOUTH ME
MELITA EAGLES	v	WOLLONG
ADELAIDE CITY	v	SYDNEY

ROUND 15 Sun January 13

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	v	MELITA E
SYDNEY CROATIA	v	MELBOUR
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	v	MARCONI
APIA LEICHHARDT	v	HEIDELBE
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	v	ST GEOR
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	v	ADELAIDE
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	WOLLON

ROUND 16 Sun January 20

ST GEORGE BSC	v	WOLLON
HEIDELBERG UNITED	v	PRESTON
MARCONI	v	APIA LEIC
MELBOURNE CROATIA	v	SUNSHINE
MELITA EAGLES	v	SYDNEY
ADELAIDE CITY	v	SOUTH M
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	v	SYDNEY

ROUND 17 Sun January 27

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	v	WOLLON
SYDNEY CROATIA	v	ADELAID
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	v	MELITA
APIA LEICHHARDT	v	MELBOU
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	v	MARCON
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ST GEORGE BSC	v	SYDNEY



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ROUND 18 Sun February 3

HEIDELBERG UNITED v ST GEORGE BSC
 MARCONI v WOLLONGONG CITY
 MELBOURNE CROATIA v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
 MELITA EAGLES v APIA LEICHHARDT
 ADELAIDE CITY v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
 WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA v SYDNEY CROATIA
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

SCORE

Olympic Village 6pm
 Marconi Stadium 7pm
 Somers Street 6pm
 Melita Stadium 7pm
 Hindmarsh Stad. 8pm
 Brandon Park 7pm
 St George Stad. 7pm

ROUND 19 Sun February 10

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v SYDNEY CROATIA
 MARCONI v ST GEORGE BSC
 MELBOURNE CROATIA v WOLLONGONG CITY
 MELITA EAGLES v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
 ADELAIDE CITY v APIA LEICHHARDT
 WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC v HEIDELBERG UNITED

SCORE

Middle Park 6pm
 Marconi Stad. 7pm
 Somers Street 6pm
 Melita Stadium 7pm
 Hindmarsh Stad. 8pm
 Brandon Park 7pm
 St George Stad. 7pm

ROUND 20 Sun February 17

SYDNEY CROATIA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
 APIA LEICHHARDT v WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA
 PRESTON MAKEDONIA v ADELAIDE CITY
 WOLLONGONG CITY v MELITA EAGLES
 ST GEORGE BSC v MELBOURNE CROATIA
 HEIDELBERG UNITED v MARCONI

SCORE

Croatian Spts C 7pm
 Skinner Reserve 6pm
 Lambert Park 5.30pm
 Connor Reserve 6pm
 Brandon Park 7pm
 St George Stad. 7pm
 Olympic Village 6pm

ROUND 21 Sun February 24

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v APIA LEICHHARDT
 SYDNEY CROATIA v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
 MELBOURNE CROATIA v HEIDELBERG UNITED
 MELITA EAGLES v ST GEORGE BSC
 ADELAIDE CITY v WOLLONGONG CITY
 WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MARCONI

SCORE

Middle Park 6pm
 Croatian Spts C 7pm
 Somers Street 6pm
 Melita Stadium 7pm
 Hindmarsh Stad. 8pm
 Brandon Park 7pm
 St George Stad. 7pm

ROUND 22 Sun March 3

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
 APIA LEICHHARDT v SYDNEY CROATIA
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 MARCONI v MELBOURNE CROATIA

SCORE

Skinner Reserve 3pm
 Lambert Park 3pm
 Connor Reserve 3pm
 Brandon Park 3pm
 St George Stad. 7pm
 Olympic Village 3pm
 Marconi Stadium 3pm

ROUND 23 Sun March 10

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v WOLLONGONG CITY
 SYDNEY CROATIA v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v APIA LEICHHARDT
 MELITA EAGLES v MARCONI
 ADELAIDE CITY v HEIDELBERG UNITED
 WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA v ST GEORGE BSC
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MELBOURNE CROATIA

SCORE

Middle Park 3pm
 Croatian Spts C 3pm
 Skinner Reserve 3pm
 Melita Stadium 3pm
 Hindmarsh Stad. 8pm
 Brandon Park 3pm
 St George Stadium 7pm

ROUND 24 Sun March 17

APIA LEICHHARDT v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
 PRESTON MAKEDONIA v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
 WOLLONGONG CITY v SYDNEY CROATIA
 ST GEORGE BSC v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
 HEIDELBERG UNITED v WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA
 MARCONI v ADELAIDE CITY
 MELBOURNE CROATIA v MELITA EAGLES

SCORE

Lambert Park 3pm
 Connor Reserve 3pm
 Brandon Park 3pm
 St George Stad. 7pm
 Olympic Village 3pm
 Marconi Stadium 3pm
 Somers Street 3pm

ROUND 25 Sun March 24

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
 WOLLONGONG CITY v APIA LEICHHARDT
 ST GEORGE BSC v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
 HEIDELBERG UNITED v SYDNEY CROATIA
 MARCONI v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
 MELBOURNE CROATIA v WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA
 MELITA EAGLES v ADELAIDE CITY

SCORE

Connor Reserve 3pm
 Brandon Park 3pm
 St George Stad. 7pm
 Olympic Village 3pm
 Marconi Stadium 3pm
 Somers Street 3pm
 Melita Stadium 3pm

ROUND 26 Sun March 30

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v HEIDELBERG UNITED
 SYDNEY CROATIA v ST GEORGE BSC
 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v WOLLONGONG CITY
 APIA LEICHHARDT v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
 ADELAIDE CITY v MELBOURNE CROATIA
 WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA v MARCONI
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MELITA EAGLES

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ALEX BUNDALO

Brian Ellem, 23, is the new Apia skipper. He will be joined in mid-field by Alex Bundalo and Gerry Gomez.

Ron Corry, who played in goal for Australia in 27 A internationals, has signed a two year contract to act as coach for still ambitious Blacktown City. Always a resolute keeper who preferred to "get on with the job," he carries the same attitude into his coaching. He aims to give youngsters their chance, with youth not being a barrier to progress.

Steve Jackson has been appointed Preston club

captain for the season. He is starting his fifth season with the club. The stalwart sweeper replaces last season's captain, George Petrov.

One of the most successful women's soccer associations in Sydney is Gladesville Hornsby, situated in the city's north west. Its 56 teams mean it has more players than many state associations!

Young Soccerroo defender Robert Stojcevski, who was a key player for Les Scheinflug in the team that won the Oceania World Cup qualifying tournament in Fiji recently, may join Preston. He has been training with the club.

South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper Bruce Maclaren returned to Australia last week after a two-week business trip to England. The trip forced him to miss the Dockerty Cup match against Brunswick Juventus, which Souths lost in a shock result.



BRUCE MACLAREN



STEVE JACKSON

Jim Douglas, mine host of the "Majestic" UK Cabaret Lounge, in Malvern, Melbourne, reports that many interstate visitors and coaches are calling in on his establishment. His advertisement appears in the issue, and of course, more travellers are welcome to add to the local folk who enjoy a good night out.

Noel Barkley, recently on the wanted list of Wollongong City and Sydney Croatia, has been voted Player of the Year by the New Zealand Media Association for the second year running.

Ernie Tapai is ready to join Adelaide City after all. He spent several days in South Australia last week discussing terms with the club despite George Cross' insistence he is not for sale.

Scottish defender

Police attributed the break in to the ASF and NSL offices at Rockdale to the work of professional thieves. "The police view is that they tried to make it look as if youngsters were involved. We lost amongst other things two computers and two printers, but our back-up discs were under security and saved," said ASF general secretary Alan Vessey.

Angie Goutzoulis has been named Heidelberg Player of the Year with a record 62 votes, almost double the average tally of the winners in recent seasons.

Mr Vic Tuting MBE, the grand old man of Tasmanian and Australian soccer — he was vice president of the ASF for many years — was recently appointed as honorary president of the Oceania Confedera-

WEDDING BELLS



ANDREW BERNAL, Sydney Olympic's star Soccerroo defender, married his gorgeous blonde fiancée Kathryn Hardy last Saturday.

The wedding took place at the Mary Immaculate Franciscan Catholic Church at Waverley.

The happy couple then entertained a small guest party at Sydney's Hilton Hotel before flying out of Australia for a 10 day honeymoon in the tropical paradise of Hawaii.

The young couple first met 18 months ago at an acting school in Sydney.

Andrew has already played some acting roles and his ambition one day is to head off to Hollywood and try his luck with films.

The stunning Kathryn is also very talented, having done modelling and acting as well as classical ballet.

Kathryn was rushing with last minute wedding preparations when we spoke to her.

She told us: "Andrew is the best friend I've ever had. He is an excellent cook and shares the housework."

Bernal will miss Sydney Olympic's first two NSL matches against Adelaide City and Wollongong City.

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PERSONALITY PLAYER



STEVE REFENES (Sydney Olympic)

BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Sydney 19/2/70
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 180cm, 70kg
MARRIED: No
HOME: Gladesville.
NICKNAME: "Rafi".
CAR: Ford Laser G.L.
OCCUPATION: Apprentice Electrician.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Sydney City.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Napoli.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Maradona, Baggio, Giannini.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Abbas Saad.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Gary Van Egmond.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Pratten Park, Olympic Park.
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Last season's Grand Final.
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the Grand Final.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the Youth Final 4-1 against Marconi in 1988.
WORST INJURY: Groin.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Wide left.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, Volleyball, baseball.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Greek and Pizzas.
FAVOURITE MUSIC: John Cougar Mellencamp, U-2.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Grahame Kennedy's Funniest Moments.
BEST FRIEND: Eric Hristodoulou, Tony Letsios, Peter Williams.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Dad, Alan Vest, Geoff Harcombe, Mick Hickman.
AMBITIONS: To play pro-Soccer overseas.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Eric Hristodoulou.
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Carl Lewis.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

tion. Mr Tuting, 84, travelled to Fiji to attend an Oceania conference and was accorded the honour while there. He was also presented with a FIFA medal in recognition of his services to soccer as an administrator for an incredible 61 years.

In Tasmania, White Eagles has retained its Cadbury State League title. It was the club's third consecutive championship and its fourth in five years, reports Hobart correspondent and Mercury soccer scribe, Walter Pless. After White Eagles came Hobart Juventus,

Launceston Juventus, Ulverstone, Devonport City, Olympia-SBT Bank, Caledonian, Croatia-Glenorchy and Burnie United in that order.

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Off-season NSL player moves

	JOINED	LEFT
MARCONI Coach: Berti Mariani	John Markovski (Melbourne Croatia), Steve Corica (AIS), David Seal (Sydney Croatia), Mark Jones (Sydney Croatia), Steve Georgakis (Sydney Olympic).	Matteo Colucci (Italy), Fred de Jong (Fortuna Sittard, Holland), Senad Glavovic (Yugoslavia), Gerry Gomez (Apia), Gary van Egmond (Roda, Holland).
SOUTH MELBOURNE Coach: Ferenc Puskas	NONE	Damien Mori (Brunswick Juventus).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC Coach: Mick Hickman	George Sorras (AIS), Marcelo Toscanelli (Rosario Central, Argentina), Othmane Mekeney (Morocco), George Haniotis (Apollon, Greece).	Alistair Edwards (Singapore), Steve Georgakis (Marconi), Gary Phillips (Hong Kong).
MELBOURNE CROATIA Coach: Ante Grgic	Damir Peravic (Dinamo Zagreb, Yugoslavia).	John Markovski (Marconi), Zeljko Adzic (Dynamo Zagreb, Yugoslavia).
MELITA EAGLES Coach: Raul Blanco	Geoff Gunning (Blacktown), Steve Mautone (Blacktown).	NONE
APIA LEICHHARDT Coach: Manfred Schaefer	Richard Miranda (Ad. Hellas), Gerry Gomez (Marconi), David Batten (Sydney Croatia).	Bruce Halliday (UK), Jason van Blerk (Belgium), Tony Pezzano (transfer-listed), Nick Theodorakopoulos (released).
SUNSHINE G.CROSS Coach: Ernie Merrick	David McFarlane (Partick Thistle, Scotland), Derek Hunter (St Johnstone's, Scotland), Troy Cranney (AIS), Jason Koliba (AIS), Frank Talla (AIS).	Les Carter (Heidelberg), Shaun Parton (Preston), John Campbell (transfer-listed).
WOLLONGONG CITY Coach: David Ratcliffe	David Green (St George), Mike Hollifield (England), Jason Oldridge (Syd Olympic), Ibro Cahut (St Albans, Vic), Frank Bate (Sterling Macedonia, Perth), Paul Farmer (Athena Perth), Lawrie McKinna (Blacktown), Fabian Kadric (Avala).	Randell Easthorpe (St George), Danny Crainie (Airdrie, Scotland), Jerry Murphy, Derek O'Neill, Tony Versi, Michael Lardis (all released).
ADELAIDE CITY Coach: Zoran Matic	Simon Romaniuk (AIS), Paul Wilde (Salisbury, still negotiating).	NONE
SYDNEY CROATIA Coach: Tony Vrzina	Robert Runje (Preston), Paul Carter (Adelaide Hellas), Clayton Koch (Pine Rivers, Qld), Hector Perez (Chile), Gordon Scott (Morwell — mid-November only), Ned Zelic (Canberra Croatia), Zlatko Markovski (Rockdale Ilinden).	Graham Arnold (Roda, Holland), Alan Hunter (Sparta Rotterdam, Holland), Mark Jones (Marconi), Wally Savor (released), David Batten (Apia), David Seal (Marconi), Ante Rumora (Yugoslavia).
PRESTON Coach: John Gardiner	Kris Trajanovski (AIS), Shaun Parton (Sunshine), Robert Stojcevski (Altona Gate, Victoria).	Robert Runje (Syd Croatia), Kiro Temcev (Yugoslavia), Bill Piculovski (released), George Slifkas (Heidelberg).
ST GEORGE Coach: Frank Arok	Randell Easthorpe (Wollongong City), Scott Baillie (Sydney Macedonia), Theo Kotsias (Syd Macedonia).	David Green (Wollongong City).
HEIDELBERG Coach: Len McKendry	George Slifkas (Preston), Les Carter (Sunshine).	NONE
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA Coach: John Fleming	NONE	NONE

Turner Cup spreads though Queensland

WITH the growth of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup in Queensland being so marked, plans are underway to regionalise into many more areas.

In 1991 Queensland could be divided into four major sectors.

Les Killer from Shalom College, Bundaberg is all set to care for that area, while Alan Pradella from Redbank Plains has agreed to oversee the schools in and around Ipswich and Toowoomba.

David Munn from Sunnybank and Peter Sinclair are two other teachers who might accept appointments for other areas. Certainly their presence would be a boost to the 1991 competition.

Lions vs City grand final replay

FROM GARY LEGG

LIONS midfielder Nick Meredith will miss next Sunday's XXXX League Grand Final replay with Brisbane City due to suspension.

In a fiery grand final clash at Perry Park on Sunday Lions and City played out a 1-1 draw after extra-time.

Meredith received a caution in his side's major semi-final against North Star a fortnight ago.

City dominated yesterday's clash but failed to put away

numerous second half chances.

Stalwart City striker Kieran Cooper opened the scoring in the 35th minute when he slammed in a header from close range.

Midfielder James Hermiston set up the goal with a fine cross from the right flank.

Hermiston has been deputising for captain Frank Pimblett, who made his return from injury in yesterday's clash.

Lions equalised 10 minutes later when de-

fender David Hunter landed a rocket like shot from well outside the box.

Hunter rounded Pimblett and weak defence from Lee Howells before setting himself for a well struck left foot drive and City keeper Wayne Evans was left standing, such was the power of the shot.

After the break City again stormed the Lions defence.

Cooper had one shot hit the upright and nippy striker Frank Cole also hit the woodwork midway through the half.

Lions had their best chance go begging when Angus Smith failed to convert a Meredith cross.

Smith met the ball but his soft shot was well read by Evans, who brought off a good save.

Referee Bill Monteverde had to be carried from the field after injuring his ankle in the first half of extra-time. Gordon Nicholson came on as his replacement and immediately made an impact.

In the second half of extra-time Nicholson sent off city defender Stuart Greer for a late tackle on Meredith. City coach Juan Cutillas was rotable with the decision.

"Nicholson was sucked into it," said irate City coach Juan Cutillas after the match.



Frank Mengotti

"There is no way my player should have been sent from the field. We will be appealing the decision strongly. Meredith was acting and everybody knew it."

"That decision almost lost us the game. I knew when Nicholson came on we were in trouble."

"We had two things required to win the final but we needed three. We had preparation, attitude but lady luck deserted us."

WOMEN

Whilst NSW won the challenge play-off against Northern NSW at Parklea Sports Park last week, these two teams were rated joint champions of Australia for the year.

The North managed to share the title when they defeated South Australia 4-0 in the last round.

Pimblett scoops pool

BY PAT McERLEAN

QUEENSLAND and Brisbane City captain Frank Pimblett capped off an illustrious career by winning the QFM soccer gold medal at Parry Park last Thursday evening.

Pimblett, 33, polled consistently throughout the season to finish with 36 points, a clear seven points ahead of Eastern Suburbs defender and Queensland team-mate Stein Grodum and Rochdale player-coach John Stewart.

Pimblett, in the twilight of his career, was a deserved winner and was named player of the match in Queensland's 2-2 draw with English club Charlton Athletic earlier this year.

The veteran midfielder recently made a successful comeback from a serious knee injury.

Pimblett's tally of 36 points was easily the highest in the code's gold medal history, eclipsing last year's best by Coalstar's midfielder Andy Ogden.

Grodum, whose side Easts finished equal fifth with Taringa Rovers, made a slow start to the season before he polled heavily midway through the year.

Grodum missed only one of 10 consecutive

games during the season in which he failed to register points.

Stewart stood out after he took over the coaching post from his predecessor Allan Jones midway through the first round.

Former gold medalist Keith Marsh and Pine Rivers duo Noel Carroll and John Schiavo also polled well to finish with 21 points each.

Carroll, who was the season's second highest goalscorer, led the early counting until he was overtaken narrowly in the second round by eventual winner Pimblett.



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Adelaide Hellas licking its wounds

BY ALAN CLARK

THE Adelaide Hellas hierarchy must sit down and take stock of just what needs to be done to resurrect the club in the wake of its NSL playoff demise.

That is the view of skipper and caretaker coach Alby Kidd after Heidelberg clinched a NSL spot with the 4-1 eclipse of Brisbane Lions.

"That was a nightmare result for us," said Kidd. "But the club will have to take notice now and sit down and think out the future."

Hellas missed out on an NSL return as a result of inferior goal difference after it finished level on five points with Heidelberg from its playoff series.

First priority now for the club would seem to be to determine who will coach the side in a crucial Foundation SA season.



Brenton Hiern of Adelaide Hellas slams home a penalty in the Melbourne NSL promotion series play-off match against Adelaide Hellas. — Photo: Joe Montemurro.

will be with the mighty magnums of champagne he received from Seppelt sales manager for SA and the NT, Tony Snevin. Bonnar scored 19 points from his peers to take the award by a point from Azzurri's Jan Kierno. Jack Braidwood, of Para, scored 13 with Tommy Preston on 12. The presentation of awards will be made at the annual sponsors' dinner in November.

land, will coach the side. He has a very impressive coaching record in colts and junior soccer with City.

Socceroo Aurelio Vidmar believes he can become a better player in Australia this season to set himself up for another assault on Europe. Vidmar returned from trials in Europe last week and should play again with Adelaide City. "I had some excellent opportunities in Europe but not good enough to stay. The visa situation is a major problem in Italy but next time I will look at other countries. I could have been playing in Switzerland now but decided against it. Amarildo, the former Brazilian international, who coaches the reserves at Fiorentina told me my technical skills were good enough for European football. The major problem is getting fit enough. I am not disappointed as I view it as a business trip. I expect to improve further this year." City coach Zoran Matic is happy to welcome back Viddie.

Adelaide City. "The boys are out of season and this was their first showing together after just one training session," said Wincer. "Everything is in the melting pot but I was delighted with the way they performed. We came out with something positive and now we shall work on the balance and shape of the side." But Hellas striker Raymond Blair has withdrawn. "After the commitment of the past two seasons I want to take the opportunity of having as long a rest as I can," said Blair. The SA representative side meets its Victorian counterpart on October 13 in Mildura.

Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic would have preferred more tough games as a prelude to the NSL. "Even now we are still very much in the dark about the side because we have not been fully tested," he said. "We have been cruising in matches and that is not a good habit to get into. I would like a really severe test. It has been hard for the State League players against us here because they are out of season." City has had preliminary talks with Salisbury over Paul Wilde and will consider a few conditions over his move back to the NSL. Matic said it was impossible for City to guarantee anyone a first team spot and that had been stressed, too, to Polonia striker John Christopoulos, who has been trialing with the club. City defender Paul Shillabeer is making strong progress from his knee surgery but is being troubled by blis-

Walsh shoots Belconnen to Ampol Cup win

BY GRAHAM COOKE

IT was a typical day at the office for Belconnen United soccer striker John Walsh.

With one goal already scored in an Ampol Cup final tied up at 1-1 against Canberra City Concordia, and the match well into a penalty shoot-out, he stepped up for the shot which would give his club the trophy.

And in much the same way as he had done on 17 previous occasions this season, he placed the ball coolly and deliberately, giving the goalkeeper no chance and ensuring a night of celebration at the Belconnen Soccer Club.

Walsh is one of those deceptive players who can pass through 90 per cent of a game almost unnoticed and then, with one swift strike, change its course.

But to leave the description there would be an injustice to one of the hardest workers in the ACT League, a man just as likely to be back helping out his defence under pressure, or winning balls in midfield as waiting for the critical chance in the opposition penalty area.

On this occasion he struck early. Fab Fiorese took a corner on the right, Walsh and twin striker Steve Lazzari rose together at the near post, but it was Walsh's head which turned the ball past goalkeeper Alistair Lyall.

Nick Tonini forced United goalkeeper Manual Notaras into a save with a wickedly curling shot, then Matt Rogers chased the ball across the goalmouth, turning it past Notaras but against the post as United went into the break somewhat lucky to be still in the lead.

It was a different story in the second with United well on top and Walsh in the thick of the action, first crossing to Danny Parker who headed over, then forcing Lyall into a brave save at his feet after he had dispossessed Steve Hogg.

Just when it seemed Belconnen was cruising to the trophy, City equalised with a goal from nowhere.

United defenders appeared to have their thoughts on celebration when Gary Van Der Plaet broke clear on the left flank with five minutes to go.

His cross found Rogers well placed to smash the ball past



Gary van der Plaet

Notaras.

There were no more real chances and City, the highest scoring side in the league, must have fancied its chances in the penalty shoot out.

Monaro or Belconnen?

BY GRAHAM COOKE

INTER Monaro officials will be invited to the NSW Soccer Federation for talks on the future of the Queanbeyan-based NSW State League club.

Monaro finished 17th in the 18-team competition in the just completed season, defaulted on one match and forfeited another for fielding ineligible players.

One of the options certain to be discussed at the talks is whether the club, a member of the NSW competition for 11 of the last 13 seasons, should drop back to the less demanding ACT League for a period of consolidation.

ACT officials have made no secret of the fact they would welcome Monaro back into the fold it left in 1977.

Should Monaro take this course there is bound to be additional pressure on triple champion Belconnen United to consider a bid to take over its place.

"The proposal has been at loggerheads with those at the club who want to concentrate on building a ground at Mackellar," Belconnen defender Craig Cook said.

"The board hasn't been able to make up its mind."

And coach Steve Forshaw said he would love to see United in the NSW State League.

"There are a number of considerations, including money and how the Bradley Report affects us, but I believe these players deserve at least the consideration of a higher standard of football," he said.

Those hopes vanished when its first three marksmen missed.

Belconnen scored twice, leaving Walsh, as fourth man up, to deliver the death blow at 3-1.

Belconnen coach Steve Forshaw said it was his best Ampol Cup moment, beating even the 1985 final when, as a player, he scored the winning goal.

BELCONNEN UNITED: Notaras, Collins, Cook, Milovanovic, Dunn (Abel 68), Smith, L. Fiorese, Wiseman, Walsh, F. Fiorese (Parker 34), Lazzari.

CANBERRA CITY CONCORDIA: Lyall, Takarios (Tsakalos 84), Holgate, Harris, Weldon, Hogg, Koch, Rankine (Vang 114), Tonini, Rogers, Van Der Plaet.

REFEREE: R. Marshall.

Presentations in ACT

BY GRAHAM COOKE

ONE issue from the 1990 ACT season remains to be decided — the identity of the Ampol Player of the Year.

All will be revealed at the Tuggeranong Rugby Club this Wednesday night (Oct 3) when players, officials, supporters, members of the media and celebrity guests meet to eat, drink and revive memories of this and other seasons.

Ampol, ACT soccer's oldest and most consistent corporate friend, has agreed to sponsor the award this year and speculation over its eventual owner is already rife.

Many believe that a former winner, Tuggeranong United's Peter Thompson, must be well in the running again after he returned to the league following a season in the NSW competition with Inter Monaro.

Another Tuggeranong stalwart, defender Jimmy Baxter, is expected to figure in the poll, along with a number of players from Juventus, including coach Walter Valeri.

Champion Belconnen United provides a number of candidates — the league's leading scorer John Walsh and runner up Steve Lazzari among them — while Canberra City Concordia's classy sweeper, Pat Harris, is unlikely to be far away.

It is often said that a good player in an unsuccessful team often stands more chance of picking up the points required for victory. On this basis Craig Shortt, who has toiled all season on behalf of wooden spooner Defence Academy, must have a claim.

All will be revealed when this and other awards are made by a number of distinguished guests including the Member for Fraser, John Langmore, Senators Margaret Reid and Bob McMullan, the ACT Minister for Sport, Bernard Collaery, his executive deputy, Bill Stefaniak, and general secretary of the ASF, Alan Vessey.



Angie Goutzoulis (left) and Paul Carter fly high to contest in the Heidelberg v Adelaide Hellas play-off match. Photo: Joe Montemurro.

With two Adelaide berths likely in the 1991 NSL, it is imperative for the club to win the local league if it is to boost its claims for inclusion.

Strong, stable management also is vital.

A restructuring of playing personnel seems certain with goalkeeper Tony Pezzano and defender Paul Carter unlikely to be flown in again from Sydney and several other players contemplating their future.

Hellas assistant coach Neil Bonnar did have something to cheer over the weekend. He made another notch in a year he will not forget by being named Seppelt Wines Coach of the Month for July. Bonnar has had a topsy-turvy season as assistant coach, coach, assistant coach at the club. But, with his guidance, Hellas clinched the Foundation SA title in July and that earned him the prestige coaching title. Only time will tell what the future holds for the quiet Scot, who formerly coached Enfield City. But he can toast what

SASF Development Officer Carlos Buzzetti was in Mt Gambier this week launching the State's first Foundation SA Centre of Coaching in a country area. Players from under 11-13 will participate. The first part of the program will run for seven days. Buzzetti also will run a Level I coaching course for the Western Border Association.

Adelaide City is expected soon to announce rich sponsorship backing to cover its entry into the NSL Youth League. Club marketing and promotions chief David Jenkins has worked hard on financial backing for the project. An airline could support the bold City move and another major sponsorship with a high-profile international company is likely to be finalised to boost the club generally. The City board made the decision last week to enter the Youth League. "Where possible, the matches will be played as curtain-raisers," said Jenkins. "It will provide players with a national stage on which to demonstrate and develop their skills." Rocky Aloisi, whose son Ross played with the Joeys in the World Cup in Scot-



AURELIO VIDMAR

"Obviously, I would be pleased to get him back because he is part of much of what City does," said Matic. "I think he should come back here to stay until he gets some definite word from a club overseas."

State Select coach Bob Wincer was encouraged by the showing of his side in going down 1-3 to

ters. The club is continuing negotiations for full-back Robert Csoboth from Hungarian side Pecsi.

Former Port Adelaide coach Ivan Zafran is back in SA after spending six months overseas. Zafran has had contact with several clubs but is concentrating on establishing his new acupuncture clinic for the treatment of sports injuries.

INDOOR TITLE

Copland College from Canberra won the Australian Schools Indoor title, defeating Melbourne's Maribyrnong High School 4-0 in the final.

Goals came from Claudio Kanas (2), Simon Aitchison and Alan Marin.

Promotion brings its future shock

BY MIKE JOHNSON

A week or so back we discussed the making of a club which can occur if it wins promotion to National League or State League.

Specifically discussed were Heidelberg, winner of the Victorian State League and Wollongong Macedonia, winner of the NSW State League, and also NSW 2nd Division winners Southern Districts.

What will the future hold for each of those clubs?

Heidelberg is Greek backed and knows what it's like to play in the National League where it had success under its current coach, Len McKendry in the early '80s.

Wollongong Macedonia became a NSW Federation 2nd division club around the beginning of the '80s, gained promotion in the mid-80s to NSW State League and now will enter National League, for the first time this summer.

Southern Districts, Turkish backed, has been in existence three years and will apply to the NSW Federation for a First Division place.

Heidelberg, the last time it entered the NSL in 1989 under coach Jim Tansey did so with what was essentially a State League team.



LEN McKENDRY

Predictably he was sacked and the team was relegated under another coach.

No doubt that lesson has been learned and this time McKendry hopefully will have money to spend to strengthen the team.

Whichever McKendry is around and if Heidelberg provide him with money, Heidelberg will survive, even prosper in National League.

He is the key figure in an organisation that appears, from this distance here in Sydney, to be very reliant on its significant Greek following.

As with its Sydney brethren, Sydney Olympic, there is no club infrastructure, i.e. their own ground or social club.

Thus it is so reliant on its crowd support and the particular coach it employs at the time.

Proper setup

All clubs in Australia would like to be placed in the position held by Marconi with its own well-appointed stadium

adjacent to its large, thriving social club.

Its well organised juniors have use of the two nearby training fields.



Marconi's prosperous social club and its reasonable crowd support has provided the finance to buy Australia's best players.

This, along with Bert Mariani's skill, has allowed it to begin to dominate Australian Soccer.

In earlier years Les Scheinflug, followed by Rale Rasic, were able to win premierships there, but now there is the expectation of winning at Marconi, just as there is at Real Madrid, Bayern Munich and Liverpool.

Can Wollongong Macedonia become another Marconi?

Well, they are to begin building their own ground and training complex, but that could be a drain on finances in the short term.

They have a maximum spectator base of some 1500, which is on a par with the well run Melita.

But their big spending success this year was based on a big sponsorship drive which produced substantial amounts of money.

They were the big spenders of the NSW State League with a budget of perhaps more than \$300,000 for the season.

They will need to find another \$450,000 this summer season to be competitive in National League.

Marconi spends some \$700,000 on its NSL budget.

NSW

Returning to the

state levels, Southern Districts is a club typical of the many ethnic clubs who proliferate the 3rd and 4th divisions of the NSW Federation and are now also significant in 2nd division where they encounter many district clubs.

This newer Turkish migrant group has not as yet had a team in NSW State League, though there is one Turkish side in Victorian State League, Albion Gucu.

A newcomer to NSW State League faces the predicament faced by Australian Soccer at large.

It can either run on its ethnic base or try and attract the many nationalities which live

in the Liverpool district of Sydney, where the team plays.

In the short term, the support will probably remain mainly Turkish, but in time this could change, depending on the success of the team.



Some few years ago in Wollongong, I was involved with the local Fairy Meadow team which won promotion to State League.

We beat Wollongong



Macedonia to do so in the last game of the season.

Now Macedonia is in National League and Fairy Meadow, with its shrinking Italian backing, has folded up.

And as the wheel of fortune spins into another year we find Macedonia involved in another battle for survival with long standing Wollongong Wolves.

Survival will depend on the drive and ability of the people in key



positions in these respective clubs.

Will Wollongong City stand or the Macedonians replace them?

Can Heidelberg consolidate its administration and become a top club under Len McKendry this time?

On top of that there will be the modern, businesslike requirements of the Bradley Report, which at last put greater requirements on to the clubs.

And will Southern Districts establish itself in NSW State League?

Time will tell.

AIS WINS 3-0 IN MALAYSIA



The touring Australian Institute of Sport soccer team maintained its unbeaten record with two clear-cut wins against Kuala Lumpur Youth last week.

It won the first match 3-0 with goals from Milicic, Kalogeracos and Kutlesovski and went one better in the next with a 4-0 victory.

The first two goals came from Hillier corners — the first headed home by Radecki, the second scored by Crivari at the far post after

Radecki had touched it on.

It was the 81st minute before the Institute added to its score, an own goal after a goal-mouth scramble.

Then, with a minute left, Kutlesovski was fouled in the box and Crivari scored from the spot.

Coach Ron Smith said the weather was hot and wet.

"But the playing surface was excellent for both games and that led to a rise in quality of our play," he said.

— GRAHAM COOKE

ILLAWARRA TABLES

TOOHEY'S PREMIER DIVISION FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WESTS/FIGTREE	26	16	5	5	56	20	53
FERNHILL	26	14	4	8	49	17	47
S.C. CROATIA	26	14	4	8	50	28	46
W'GONG OLYMPIC	26	14	4	8	50	31	46
BALGOWNIE	26	12	8	6	38	25	44
BULLI	26	13	4	9	32	23	43
LYSAGHTS	26	11	8	7	52	35	41
PORT KEMBLA	26	11	5	10	42	43	38
CRINGILA UTD	26	10	4	12	35	40	34
CORRIMAL R.	26	8	6	12	34	45	30
SHELLHARBOUR	26	8	4	14	28	58	28
HELENSBURGH T.	26	7	4	15	23	53	25
TARRAWANNA	26	6	6	14	28	58	24
UNIVERSITY	26	2	5	19	17	62	11

SECOND GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WESTS/FIGTREE	26	19	3	4	49	17	60
BULLI	26	18	4	4	46	18	58
FERNHILL	26	18	4	4	46	18	58
CRINGILA UTD	26	12	9	5	37	18	45
PORT KEMBLA	26	13	4	9	35	24	43
HELENSBURGH T.	26	11	5	10	31	31	38
LYSAGHTS	26	10	4	12	42	44	34
CORRIMAL R.	26	9	6	11	29	37	33
BALGOWNIE R.	26	10	2	14	30	40	32
S.C. CROATIA	26	8	5	13	33	40	29
SHELLHARBOUR	26	7	8	11	28	43	29
UNIVERSITY	26	9	2	15	21	41	29
TARRAWANNA	26	6	5	15	21	44	23
W'GONG OLYMPIC	26	3	3	20	13	60	3

YOUTH GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BULLI	26	19	6	1	63	10	63
S.C. CROATIA	26	16	7	3	48	19	55
W'GONG OLYMPIC	26	13	8	5	36	20	47
SHELLHARBOUR	26	12	5	9	41	31	41
BALGOWNIE R.	26	12	4	10	39	35	40
TARRAWANNA	26	11	5	10	27	31	38
LYSAGHTS	26	9	8	9	37	34	35
WESTS/FIGTREE	26	9	7	10	26	31	34
UNIVERSITY	26	9	6	11	35	38	33
CRINGILA UTD	26	8	8	10	29	33	32
PORT KEMBLA	26	8	6	12	33	39	30
FERNHILL	26	6	5	13	36	37	29
CORRIMAL R.	26	6	4	16	28	66	22
HELENSBURGH T.	26	2	1	23	12	66	7

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SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

South Americans start well

BY MARIO ETCHART



Radovan Filipovic

URUGUAY 2 PERU 1

In group 2, Uruguay had to fight hard to beat a very skillful Peruvian team 2-1 in the first of the three Sunday matches at Granville after 90 minutes of intense and exciting action.

Uruguay were more effective in front of goal and took advantage of one of the few clear chances they had in the first 45 minutes. Mid-

fielder Arcosa crossed the ball from the right and Arbelo, with a header, opened the score.

The excellent work of both goalkeepers, Lobos for Uruguay and Anabalón for Peru, restricted both sets of strikers.

In the second half, Peru looked for the equaliser, but the chances went begging.

When everybody expected Peru to score, Messourgos, in a brilliant individual effort, left two defenders behind, skirted the keeper and scored with a cross shot, to put Uruguay 2-0 in front.

In the 83rd minute Lobos brought down Varela, inside the box, and Pachas scored from the spot to reduce the leeway and that's how the game ended.

URUGUAY: Lobos (8), Mario (6), Claramella (6), Fernandez (6), Arcosa (6), Piriz (6), Arbelo (6), Lardis (5) (66th Perdomo), Messourgos (6), Kadric (4) (87th Folladosa), G. Fernandez (6).

PERU: Anabalón (8), Biognic (8), Vazquez, Diyorio (6), Barrera (5), Villar (5), Varela (6), Gomez (5) (45th Castro) (5), Pachas (7), Clavijo (4) (87th Barrera), Uribe (6).

Man of the match: Julio Lobos.

ROMANIA 2 COSTA RICA 2

The match was very even in the first half although Romania finished 2-0 ahead and had more chances of scoring.

Costarican goalkeeper Hans Trostel had an excellent first 45 minutes.

Filipovic opened the score in the 38th minute with a shot from the edge of the box that Trostel couldn't stop.

Vassovic added the second, one minute before the end of the half, with a header from a corner served by Filipovic, but in the second half the Central Americans clearly improved and dominated.

Midfielder Lombardo scored for Costa Rica through a penalty in the 67th, and Cruz equalised after an brilliant individual effort in the 85th.

Trostel saved a penalty from Filipovic in the 73rd minute.

Costa Rica had several chances to win the match in the remaining minutes, but its strikers

were unable to find the net.

ROMANIA: Mosonc (6), Petcu (5), Ostic (4), Vlach (5), Dihel (4), Tamas (5), Vassovic (4), Birlut (5), Nastovski (8), Filipovic (6), Tlutlu (4).

COSTA RICA: Trostel (7), Campos (5) (Delgado) (5), J. Campos (5), Capello (5), Lombardo (7), Agandone (6), Ortiz (5), Aguirre (6), Ponce (5) (Ferraro), Cruz (6), Bussil (5).

Man of the match: Nastovski.

COLOMBIA 2 ARGENTINA 0

The experience and superior skills of the Colombian outfit made the difference in this game.

The trend of the encounter always favoured the team from the north of South America.

The winner had the control of the midfield for most of the play, with excellent work from Porter and Perry and the support of McKie upfront, who was a constant threat to the Argentine defence.

McKie opened the score, very early in the game, with a perfect volley in the fifth minute.

Argentina lacked cohesion and looked disorganised in all its lines.

The second half was very similar to the first, with Colombia controlling the game and Argentina struggling to break a solid Colombian defence.

Midfielder Porter, in the 57th minute, added a second goal for Colombia, with a powerful shot from an indirect free kick inside the box, and that was the end for Argentina.

COLOMBIA: Rodic (7), Thompson (7), Griffiths (6), Scott (6), Ashton (6), Castaneda (5) (55th Vanegas), Berry (5), Porter (8), Ivastanin (5) (Martinez 81st), Witherspoon (6), McKie (7).

ARGENTINA: Hayes (7), Medanic (5), Montes de Oca (5) (45th Cerro) (4) Bobba (7), Martinez (5), A. Gomez (5), Langan (4), Galloway (4), Vidal (5), O. Gomez (5) (73rd Borguez).

Man of the match: Porter.

Bright debut at Garside



ERKIN OSMAN

THE seventh Sydney Ethnic World Cup kicked off at Garside Park last Saturday with a tribute to SBS Television for its coverage of the World Cup in Italy.

The ceremony was followed by the opening two All Age games of the competition.

In the first match Spain defeated Cyprus 2-1 while Chile, the title holder, thrashed newcomer Korea, 9-0.

SPAIN 2 CYPRUS 1

The Spaniards and Cypriots were engaged in a very tame affair despite fielding some well known names on the soccer scene.

Spain had the better of the first half although Cyprus dominated the midfield with good displays from the Osman brothers.

A good combination between Biason and Harriott put Spain ahead in the 22nd minute, when the latter, with a header, sent the ball into the net.

Right in the last minute of the first half, Spain went further ahead when defender Jimmy Ziras took advantage of a rebound to score from close range.

In the last 45 minutes, Cyprus improved considerably,

but Spain, on the counterattack, created some good chances.

The brilliant display from Cyprus goalkeeper Konistis avoided further goals from Spain.

Striker Ali Nagi with a header in the 61st minute converted the only Cypriot goal.

Ziras, Calleja and Harriott were outstanding for Spain while the Osman brothers and Konistis were the best for the losers.

SPAIN: Psaroudis (6), McDonald (6), Arregui (6), Ziras (8), Gaffney (6), Calleja (7), Harriott (7), Duffy (5), Kisanlin (4), (Tome) (5), Encinas (5) (68th Cross), Biason (5).

CYPRUS: Konistis (7), Ahmet (5), Meerban (6), Marnies (5), Mueyesser (5), Ercan Osman (7), Erkin Osman (7), Sevgi (5) (75th Vassiliou), Nagi (6), Kumsuz (5), Tuysuz (5) (69th Higgins).

Man of the match: J. Ziras.

CHILE 9 KOREA 0

With a brilliant second half display, title holder Chile humiliated Korea, scoring seven goals in the last 45 minutes.

The Koreans were some opposition in the first period, but only because the South Americans made too many mistakes, abusing the long ball and lacking cohesion.

Some individual efforts from Alex Araujo, Christian Ortiz and Carlos Donoso were enough to control the proceedings.

Araujo, who was a

constant nightmare for the Koreans, scored the only goal of the opening half after taking advantage of a Korean defensive blunder in the 33rd minute.

In the second half the Chileans were a completely different outfit, dominating from the restart.

Monsalve after a good individual effort added a second goal for Chile in the 49th minute.

The inclusion of Leo Ulloa in the 62nd minute for Monsalve added more power to the Chilean attack, although Monsalve had an excellent match for his team.

In the 63rd, Ulloa received a good pass from fellow striker Ferris and, with a shot from close range, scored the third.

Four minutes later, defender Kulwicki increased the account with a perfect free kick.

Substitute Pereira converted the fifth in the 80th.

In a space of five minutes Chile scored the last three goals.

Ulloa in the 83rd, Ortiz in the 85th and Willis in the 88th closed the account.

Christian Ortiz was instrumental in midfield for Chile, with good displays also from Donoso, Monsalve and Ulloa.

Korea were very enthusiastic, but very limited.

CHILE: Marco (6) (73rd Gonzalez), Villazon (6), Kulwicki (6), Johnson (6), Willis (6), Zaya (6) (55th Pereira), Araujo (7), Donoso (7), Ferris (6), Ortiz (8), Monsalve (6) (62nd Ulloa) (6).

KOREA: Jong (injured, replaced by Ho Lee in the 15th minute), Hu Kim (4), Lim (4), Park (4) (73rd Hei Kim), Mun Jung (5), Suk Lee (4), Bing Hong (3), Lee (4), Jin Kim (3) (Sub Song), Sik Oh (3), S. Lee (4).

Man of the match: Christian Ortiz.



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5.00PM AA URUGUAY v COSTA RICA
7.00PM AA TURKEY v YUGOSLAVIA

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10.45AM AA COLOMBIA v KOREA
12.30PM AA SPAIN v ASSYRIA
2.15PM AA ITALY v TURKS OF CYPRUS
4.00PM AA CHILE v ARGENTINA

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10

6.30PM 0'35 SPAIN v ECUADOR
7.30PM 0'35 ITALY v GREECE

J Fleming at short notice



JOHN FLEMING

WHEN former Wollongong City and Rockdale coach John Fleming received his appointment from Wollongong Macedonia, there was less than two weeks until the kick-off of the 1990/91 NSL summer season.

Fleming, who was recruited from England as a no-nonsense defender when Wollongong City first joined the NSL, has been contacting the players he wants to improve the NSW State League champion side.

He came in after former coach Casey de Bruin was reported as stating that lack of support for the club was involved in his leaving.

However Wollongong Macedonia officials contend their the scarcity of fans revolved around the non competitive nature of the 1990 NSW State League and will not be repeated.

They are claiming 3,000 or more home crowds for Brandon Park.

The region has some 15,000 Macedonians amongst its League of Nations population.

Fleming knows his way around the Australian player scene.

But he had a set back when high scoring Brunswick Juventus striker Steve Smith was unavailable.

Wollongong Macedonia has a number of sponsors which it expects will enthusiastically back the club's entry to the NSL.

Blacktown utilises Bradley guidelines

FROM BOB BROOKS

BRIGHT young goalkeeping prospect Steve Mautone has gone on loan from Blacktown City to Parramatta Melita Eagles for the coming NSL season.

He will act as understudy to experienced first team custodian, Alex McPherson.

Also on loan to the Eagles will be hard working Geoff Gunning.

Demons striker Lawrie McKinna will be loaned out to Wollongong City.

Various members of the Demons' bright young squad have received offers from NSL clubs such as Melita and St George.

Blacktown will be retaining their starlets

for the 1991 NSW State League season.

The NSW competition is being entirely revamped, and will be highly competitive once again.

Instituting the forward moves set out in the Bradley Report is high on the Demons' agenda.

Long serving club official Col Scott-Kemmis, formerly with the Ku-ring-gai now North Shore United club, has been appointed fulltime secretary of the Blacktown City Football Club.

This is one of a number of moves being put in place.

Now preparation are being made to appoint a marketing and promotions officer.

He will share his time between the football interests and the licensed club.

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION FINAL SCORERS

(EXCLUDING FINALS SERIES)

14: Bruno Beddoni (Rockdale).
11: Grant Bard (Sutherland).
10: Scott Gilbert (Sydney Mac), Alan Reis (Canberra), Graeme Fletcher (W'gong Macedonia).

9: Tony Lemezina (Canberra), Osvaldo El Ali (St George).

7: Miladin Kuc (Avala), Stan Suman (Blacktown), Louis Dounis (Canterbury), John Danzo (Wollongong City).

6: Greg Brown (W'gong Macedonia), Stuart Porter (Rockdale), Shawn Freestone (St George).

5: Jason Oldridge (Wollongong City), Paul Welch (Avala), Anthony Surjan (Marconi), Jerzy Drys (Polonia), Theo Kotsias (Sydney Mac).

4: Lawrie McKinna (Blacktown), David Seal (Sydney Croatia), Adam Poric, (St George), Jose Iriarte, Anthony Versi (both Warringah), Zoki Adioski, (St George), Michael Lardis (Canterbury), John Gibson (Blacktown City), Brett Thornthwaite (W'gong Macedonia), Ray Junna (Canberra), Adam Sandy (Wollongong Mac), John McKie (Avala), Howard Tredinnick (Newcastle).

3: Glenn Jeffery (North Shore), Pol Krstevski, Brett Porter, Costa Caimakamis, (all Newcastle) Leon Arcosa, Fabian Kadric (both Sydney Mac) Emil Maricic (Inter Monaro), Brad Maloney (Blacktown City), Grant Lee (Warringah), Marshall Soper (Polonia), Manis Lamond (Syd Croatia), Zoran Pratezina (Canberra), Craig Alchin (Inter Monaro), Baz Giampaolo (Inter Monaro, 4 goals deducted when game voided).

2: Nick Oustambasidis (Canterbury), Andrew French (Sydney Croatia), Dean McWhirter, Simon Brandt, Mike Boogaard, Robert Ironside, Ralph Maier (all Newcastle), George Kulcsar (Canberra), Wayne Pierce, Pat Crookes, Peter Norman (all North Shore), Stephen Krishna, David Ratcliffe, Pat Brodnik (both Wollongong City), Frank Gigliotti, Robert de Ceglie, Glenn Sterrey, Grant Lee (all Warringah), Robbie Sellar, Harry Christodoulou, Daryl Sharp, the late Alex Hutcheon (all Sutherland), Spiro Hantzis (Canterbury), Michael Lardis, George Foundas, (both Olympic), Danny Serina, Doug Macina (Canberra), Jarek Nowicki (Polonia), Andrew Brockbank (Blacktown), Jorge Fernandez (Syd Macedonia).

NSW State Titles — Under 17

Valentine Park, Parklea

ROUND ONE

Blacktown City v Sthn 2-2, Syd Croatia v West 3-1, North 2 v Marconi 0-5, North 1 v Rive 2-1, West v Blacktown City 0-4, Syd Croatia v Sthn 3-0, Marconi v Rive 1-1, North 2 v North 1 0-3.

ROUND TWO

Syd Croatia v North 1 2-1, North 2 v Sthn 1-5, Rive v Blacktown City 2-2, Marconi v West 1-1, North 1 v Sthn 1-1, North 2 v Syd Croatia 0-3, Rive v West 0-1, Blacktown City v Marconi 0-1.

Round 3 and 4 played Tuesday and Wednesday at Valentine Sports Park.

PERTH POINTER

I think it's very sad and frustrating as a keen soccer supporter to see nothing in the electronic media. Even in the local papers only small articles prevail inside the back pages.

The State League or Super League as it's called here comprises of ten clubs, half are struggling to come to terms financially, WHY?

Simply because the club has no supporters only few, not many quality players and not many, turn out every week to see a soccer match.

Occasionally the best sides play to a crowd of about say 3,000 to 4,000 people.

The Administration has done little about it in the last decade.

What about a National Championships say hosted in Adelaide which would suit all the states.

Robert Ruggiero
Hamilton Hill WA 6163

Canberra may mark time

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA might have to wait another two years before getting a team into the Quit National Soccer League if decisions taken by the league's clubs at the weekend were to apply.

Essentially the clubs, while reiterating their support for the recommendations of the Bradley Report into Australian soccer, decided to introduce changes gradually rather than at the beginning of the 1991-92 season.

At the same time there is a clash with ASF plans, which are likely to prevail after a resolution is carried at this week's extraordinary general meeting.

If the clubs' view held, it means new teams would be admitted only at the expense of those finishing in the bottom two places of the QNSL each season.

The replacements will be from regional areas.

And while playing strength will have a bearing on the choice of replacement, other factors such as quality of ground and strength of support will come into play.

The feeling among senior soccer officials is that Newcastle and Brisbane are ahead of Canberra in some key areas.

Further complications would arise if, for instance, both Wollongong sides finished in the QNSL bottom two.

In this circumstance it is virtually certain only one would go down in order to preserve the area's interest in the competition.

The dilemma for the ACT's leading club, Canberra Croatia, is that it must try to maintain its playing quality while continuing to outlay money on self-promotion and ground improvements, where the provision of a covered grandstand is considered absolutely essential.



However, Croatia does at least own and operate its own ground — a major plus for any aspiring QNSL club.

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* 1990 Australian Schools Championships

FROM RON PRATT

(Venue: Dendy Park, Brighton, Victoria)



NSW Boys & Girls Squads with their championship trophies.

NSW completed the 1990 Australian Schools championships on a high note with nine players being announced in the Australian touring team for the 1991 tour of Asia.

NSW dominated the week long tournament with St George apprentice Peter Tsekenis gaining the prestigious player-of-the-tournament award.

Fine individual performances by the tournament's leading goalscorer Michael Musitano, captain Michael Reda, Adam Whan, Shane Jarvis and goalkeeper, John Bowles helped keep the Blues' undefeated run intact.

Impressive 6-0 and 5-0 wins over South Australia and Queensland respectively early in tournament helped set up the



NSW Captain Michael Reda with the National Championship Trophy.

tournament success.

Apart from the tremendous commitment and attitude from this year's State side it was interesting to note the 16 Australian born students' family heritage: range from Anglo Saxon, Aboriginal, Greek, Italian, South African, Indonesian, Lebanese, Turkish, Argentinian to Macedonian, certainly an incredible selection of soccer talent.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS C'SHIPS Dendy Park, Brighton BOYS

Sunday Sept. 2: Vic v NT 5-0, WA v Qld 2-1, SA v NSW 0-6.
Monday Sept. 3rd: NT v SA 0-2, ACT v Vic 1-2, NSW v Qld 5-0, NT v WA 0-3.
Tuesday Sept. 4: SA v WA 2-0, NSW v ACT 2-2, Vic v Qld 0-3.
Wednesday Sept. 5: ACT v NT 3-0, NSW v Vic 1-1, Qld v SA 1-1, ACT v WA 0-2.
Thursday Sept. 6: Qld v ACT 2-0, NSW v WA 5-1, SA v Vic 1-0, Qld v NT 9-0.
Friday Sept. 7: SA v ACT 2-4, Vic v WA 2-1, NSW v NT 7-0.



NSWCHS BOYS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS 1990: Back Row: Al Senol, Jason Sultana, Shane Jarvis, Zoran Nastovski, John Bowles, Michael Musitano, Robert Graskovski, Peter Tsekenis, David Widders, Hayden Begbie, Remyle Galloway. Seated: Ron Pratt (mgr), Steve Tyerman, Troy Halpin, Michael Reda (capt), Adam Whan, Pablo Cardozo, David Jirsa (coach).

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

PREVIOUS WINNERS —

1990	NSW
1989	ACT and Qld (joint)
1988	NSW
1987	NSW
1986	ACT
1985	NSW
1984	NSW
1983	ACT
1982	NSW (Test Series with Qld)
1981	Victoria
1980	NSW
1979	Victoria
1978	Nth NSW
1977	Victoria
1976	Nth NSW
1975	Victoria

RUNNERS UP



Qld
NSW
ACT
SA
NSW
ACT
Qld
NSW
Qld
NSW
SA
NSW
Vic
SA
Vic
Nth NSW

PLAYERS-OF-THE-TOURNAMENT

1990	Peter Tsekenis (NSW)
1989	Cesar Mora (NSW)



DAVID SEAL

1988	David Seal (NSW)
	Ned Zelic (ACT)
1987	David Scott (NSW)
	Craig Hoogendorn (ACT)
1986	Robert Runje (ACT)
	George Jolevski (Vic)
1985	Brian Ellem (NSW)
	David Hunter (Qld)
1984	Martin Driene (NSW)
	Alan Milican (Qld)
1983	Andrew Leszczynski (Tas)
1981	Lenny Vial (NSW)
1980	Fabian Incantalupo (Vic)
1979	Brett Beves (NSW)



FINAL POSITIONS — AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1st	NSW	6	4	2	0	26	4 10
2nd	Qld	6	3	1	2	16	8 7
3rd	Vic	6	3	1	2	10	7 7
4th	SA	6	3	1	2	8	11 7
5th	WA	6	3	0	3	7	10 6
6th	ACT	6	2	1	3	10	10 5
7th	NT	6	0	0	7	0	29 0

PLAYER-OF-THE-TOURNAMENT PETER TSEKENIS NSW

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS TEAM TO TOUR STH EAST ASIA — SINGAPORE — THAILAND — MALAYSIA —

JOHN BOWLES	NSW
STEVE TYERMAN	NSW
BRUCE GRASSICK	ACT
HAYDEN BEGBIE	NSW
SHANE JARVIS	NSW
PETER TSEKENIS	NSW
ADAM WHAN	NSW
ANDREW RAVANELLO	ACT
BRETT LAVELLE	VIC
VINCE DE LA PLAZA	VIC
TROY HALPIN	NSW
MICHAEL MUSITANO	NSW
JUSTIN PLAYLE	QLD
TIM JAMES	QLD
MICHAEL REDA	NSW
JIM KOURTIS	VIC

Coach: Tom Sermanni (ACT)
Manager: Ron Pratt (NSW)
Assit. Coach: Richard Shortman (Qld)
Tour Leader: Mick Banks (NT)

OLIMPIA v BARCELONA FOR FINAL

BY MARIO ETCHART

OLIMPIA of Paraguay rebounded from a 3-2 loss to defending champion Atletico Nacional to beat the Colombian team in a penalty shoot-out to advance to the Copa Libertadores final against Barcelona of Ecuador.

The shoot-out at Defenders of the Chaco Stadium in Asuncion was required because both teams had four goals after the second match in the home-and-away series for the South American Champions' Cup.

Olimpia won last week 2-1 in Santiago Chile in what was Nacional's home game.

The match started well for the home team.

Raul Amarilla scored three minutes into the game, giving his team what looked like an unbeatable edge.

At that point, Nacional needed three goals to advance to the final.

The defending champions of Medellin accomplished just that with goals by Niver Arbelada and Ruben Dario Hernandez sandwiched around a goal on a penalty kick by the versatile Higueta, building a 3-1 lead.

Olimpia returned furiously to the attack following Dario Hernandez' goal in the 75th minute after staying back on defence and playing for a draw most of the match, looking to advance to the final.

Luiz Monzon scored for Olimpia with just three minutes remaining.

The first penalty shoot-out of five kicks per team ended in a 1-1 tie.

Monzon netted for Olimpia and Jaime Arango for Nacional.

The next four players missed or had their shots blocked.

In a second, sudden-death shoot-out, Silvio Suarez beat Higueta, then Almeida blocked a shot by Felipe Peres.

Barcelona, of Guayaquil, Ecuador qualified the previous week, though its semi-final opponent, River Plate of Argentina, lodged a protest.

The South American Football Confederation is expected to turn down that protest early this week.

The winner of the Copa Libertadores faces European champions AC Milan in Tokyo in December, a match SBS will as usual telecast live.



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The Robert Wheatley column



Steve Corica is the new kid on the block

WHILE the transfer market for Sydney NSL clubs has been relatively quiet as they prepared for the second summer season, Marconi has been compelled to delve into the pool of available players to replenish post-season movements.

The new recruits are young and exciting.

They include defender Steve Georgakis, utility player Mark Jones and the attacking trio of David Seal, John Markovski and the 18-year-old Australian Institute of Sport-trained Steve Corica.

The two-way adjustment of existing players to new personnel and vice versa is a job that requires patience from supporters and coaches until the "perfect" formula can be found.

Of the five new faces at Marconi, four can be regarded as established NSL stars with proven track records.

I was interested to talk to Steve Corica and get his thoughts on several aspects of Australian soccer as he embarks on a bright new career.

Steve's background can be traced to Innisfail in northern Queensland where as a 17-year-old he represented his state in the national titles.

His passage to the AIS reveals a similarity to the early days of Frank Farina's career and his eight-month stint in Canberra saw him under the watchful eye of Ron Smith.

"The regular training mornings and nights allowed me to improve my reading of the game and made me feel more comfortable on the ball," he said.

Steve's progression to Marconi mirrors the movements of other AIS-based players over recent seasons and reinforces the value that the "right" environment can have on a developing player.

His contribution to Australia's results in the World Youth Cup qualifying rounds in Fiji saw him operate predominantly in the midfield with occasional forays into the attack.

His role will be similar at Marconi.

To become a regular in the first XI is Steve's initial aim in 1990/91 and his desire to eventually play overseas is a long-term goal he will be pursuing.

He has followed the successful exploits of Sydney Olympic's Abbas Saad and Alistair Edwards in Singapore, together with the many talented players that are now based in Europe.

"Playing abroad is a very attractive option



Barnestoneworth (striped shirt) against Liverpool City Robins (obscured) in the All Age section of the NSW Champion of Champions a fortnight ago. The former won 4-1. Photo by Ron Hughes

but it's all about establishing yourself in Australia and anything overseas is icing on the cake," Steve told me.

Many supporters in the coming season will be keeping a close eye on the new kid around Bossley Park.

We wish him well in his first NSL season.



Henwood Park under 17 side (pictured) took out their local grand final with a great fightback to defeat North Griffith United 2-1.

The players are: Rear: P. Pizarro (coach), Richard Keane, Mark Vincent, Steven Hugler, Andrew Vonnarx, Stefan Gabriel, Simon Mansfield, Kerry O'Brien, Adam Piltz. Front: Jason Ratliff, Darren Woolfe, Mathew Hundy, Richard Read, Justin Trentin, Martin Roy.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC under 15 this year won a magnificent double — the NSW Youth League as well as the State Championship in their grade. Congratulations, boys for a great job under coach Peter Papanikitas. The state series was played at Dubbo and attended by Marconi's NSL player and Young Soccerroo, Paul Okon.

Back Row l to r: Arthur Smyrnios (manager), Tony Papageorgiou, Jose Mendes, Simon Fedele, William Aloisi, Nick Balianitis, Kevin Kuprot, Mario Leone, Steve Tolios, Peter Papanikitas (coach). Front: Jim Magiasis, Anthony Soravia, Alvin Ceccoli, Daniel Totaro, Phillip Cacciola, Con Georgakis, Mark Sicari, Paul Dee, George Georgiou (asst coach).

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WINNERS

U11: 1st Macarthur
2nd St George. U12:
Bankstown, Gladesville. U13: Blacktown
City, St George. U14:
St George, Marconi.
U15: Sydney Olympic,
Sydney Croatia.

U11-DUBBO ROUND THREE

North 2 v St George 0-2,
West v North 1 1-2, Rive v
Nepean 0-3, Stn v Macarthur
2-1, West v North 2 0-3, North
1 v St George 0-0, Nepean v
Macarthur 0-1, Rive v Stn
1-1.

ROUND FOUR

West v Stn 0-0, St George
v Nepean 2-0, North 2 v Rive
2-0, Macarthur v North 1 4-0.

U12-MERIMBULA ROUND THREE

North 2 v Canterbury 1-1,
West v North 1 0-5, Rive v
Gladesville 1-2, Stn v
Bankstown 0-2, North 1 v
Canterbury 0-0, Rive v Stn
0-0.

ROUND FOUR

West v Stn 4-1, North 2 v
Rive 3-1, Canterbury v
Gladesville 0-1, Bankstown v
North 1 1-0.

U13-BATHURST ROUND THREE

North 2 v Blacktown City 0-6,
West v North 1 0-3, West v
North 2 0-1, North 1 v Black-
town 0-2, St George v Macar-
thur 1-0, Rive v Stn 2-0.

ROUND FOUR

West v Stn 1-2, North 2 v
Rive 0-1, Blacktown City v St
George 2-1, Macarthur v
North 1 2-0.

U14-VALENTINE ROUND THREE

North 2 v St George 0-3,
West v North 1 1-2, Rive v
Syd Olympic 1-2, Stn v Mar-
coni 0-3, West v North 2 2-1,
North 1 v St George 0-6, Syd
Olympic v Marconi 0-2, Rive v
Stn 2-2.

ROUND FOUR

West v Stn 0-1, North 2 v
Rive 0-3, St George v Syd
Olympic 2-0, Marconi v North
1 2-0.

U15-DUBBO ROUND THREE

North 2 v Syd Olympic 0-3,
West v North 1 0-4, Rive v
Syd Croatia 0-1, Stn v St
George bye, West v North 2
3-1, North 1 v Syd Olympic 2-2,
Syd Croatia v St George
bye, Rive v Stn 4-0.

ROUND FOUR

West v Stn 3-0, North 2 v
Rive 0-0, Syd Olympic v Syd
Croatia 2-1, St George v
North 1 bye.
(St George withdrew from
titles 17th Sept. '90 due to
player injury).

Blacktown City and Granville save funds

THE NSW Youth League proved successful for the Blacktown City Demons juniors, as they took out the Under 13 and Under 17 titles and premierships.

To run the four teams costs a surprising \$22,000 per season.

This cost is shared between Blacktown City Soccer Club and Granville and District Soccer Football Association.

The Gabbie canteen is run by the Youth Committee and in the four years of the agreement between Demons the combined effort has saved the two over \$144,000.



Southern and Eastern (left) and Liverpool Rangers contest a ball in the under 11 Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions on Sept 16. Liverpool had a convincing 4-0 win. Photo: Ron Hughes



PSV Eindhoven's Brazilian ace Romario in action in the Dutch League. PSV and Ajax Amsterdam are again fighting for the lead in the Dutch competition.

Car Crash Claim

A sensational claim has surfaced over the car crash death of the fugitive former East German international midfielder Lutz Eigendorf.

Reports in West Germany claim that Eigendorf, who played for Kaiserslautern and Eintracht Braunschweig after escaping from the East, was poisoned before stepping

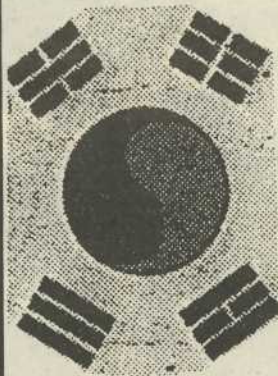
into his car and driving to his death on March 5, 1983.

A senior official in the East German security police (the 'Stasi') has been accused — at least in print.



Yugoslav international fullback Predrag Spasic tangles with Argentina's Claudio Caniggia at Italia '90. Spasic now plays for Real Madrid and Caniggia is still with Atalanta in Italy.

KOREANS RESUME EXCHANGES



NORTH and South Korea will resume sports exchanges with goodwill football matches for the first time since the division of the Korean peninsula.

The North has proposed holding a goodwill football match between the two national teams in Pyongyang after the end of the Beijing Asian Games, Seoul newspapers said quoting an unidentified high-ranking official.

Friendly

"The North recently proposed that South and North Korean national teams have a friendly game in Pyongyang about a week after the end of the Asian Games," the official was quoted as saying.

The match in Pyongyang would be followed by one in Seoul.

An official at the Sports Ministry said: "We're checking the report but as far as I know, there has been no such a proposal from the North."

The official also denied local press reports that Sports Minister Chung Dong-Sung would meet North Korean Olympic Committee President Kim Yu-Sun in Beijing for talks.

"Mr Chung will not seek to meet with Kim, but of course there is possibility of them coming across each other there and then they may have some talks," he said.

Denial

In Beijing, a South Korean representative denied an announcement by the North that the two Koreas will start talks during the Asian Games on sending a single team to the 1992 Olympic Games.

The two Koreas have tried and failed to form a single team since the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

Talks on fielding a joint team for the Asian Games in Beijing likewise failed.



Change in the offing for the European Cups

THE European football union is considering instituting a round-robin format to determine the two finalists in each of its three European club championships.

UEFA general secretary Gerhard Aigner said the idea involves putting the surviving eight teams in the three cups, Champions, Cup Winners and UEFA Cup, into two four-team groups.

After round-robin play, the two first-place finishers would advance to the final.

Under the current system, teams play a home and away game against an opponent in each round, with the loser, determined by aggregate goal scoring, being eliminated.

That method is followed through to the final in the UEFA Cup, but in the Champions and Cup Winners Cup, the two finalists play one game at a predetermined site for the title.

No date is set for introducing the change but officials at UEFA, European soccer's governing body, agree "sporting criteria justify" it.

Aigner said UEFA is responding to the



AC Milan celebrating victory in the 1990 European Champions Cup.

wishes of European clubs.

The system would create more revenue for them and UEFA.

A four-team group system, with each club playing home and away legs against the others, means all quarter-finalists would be assured of playing at least three home games against other top-drawing clubs.

Aigner said he is confident the system would be as exciting as knockout play because no team would be sig-

nificantly weaker than any other at that stage in the competition.

UEFA's idea appears aimed partly at pre-empting a proposal by top European club owners, like Olympique Marseille's Bernard Tapie and Silvio Berlusconi of AC Milan, for a European-wide league.

Aigner reiterated UEFA's opposition to the concept, saying it is too heavily oriented toward using soccer teams for pure publicity purposes.

CASH FOR EASTERN EUROPEANS

THE European Football Union (UEFA) has set up a sub-committee to advise East European soccer authorities starved of cash after recent political changes.

UEFA announced the formation of a six-member group headed by UEFA treasurer Jo Van Marle to provide administrative and technical expertise in marketing and sponsoring to those countries deprived of state financial aid.

UEFA said that the decision followed meetings in Prague with representatives from Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Soviet Union.

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Zenga quits



Walter Zenga warding off a heavy Argentine attack in the recent World Cup semi-final.

ITALIAN World Cup goalkeeper Walter Zenga has quit.

Not football, nor even his club, Inter Milan, but Forza Italia, the TV sports show he's presented for the last three years.

Says Zenga: "I don't see eye-to-eye with the programme's new direction.

"I think their transmission is wrong because of popular programmes on other channels and they haven't paid me for five months."

I'm no George Best — Paul Gascoigne

ENGLAND's new soccer hero Paul Gascoigne is getting sick of comparisons with George Best.

Because for every critic that compares his skills with those of the dazzling Irishman, another warns that the combination of drink and temperament that ruined Best's career are poised to claim Gascoigne.

Ever since his performances in the World Cup in Italy — capped by a tearful display of emotion when he knew that the competition was over for him — Paul Gascoigne has been national hero number one.

Only he is capable of regularly pushing stories about the Gulf crisis off the front pages of British newspapers.

Ticket sales for his Tottenham Hotspurs' club have boomed and a giant merchandising campaign is devoted to promoting the Gascoigne image from T-shirts to lunchboxes.

There are even moves to register his nickname — "Gazza" — as a registered trademark.

The "Sunday Sport" newspaper went one step further when it claimed that the face of Gascoigne had appeared, miraculously, on the White Cliffs of Dover.

He arrived at Tottenham from his native Newcastle for \$4.6 million two seasons ago with a precocious talent, a tendency to overweight and a reputation for clowning.

He went to Italy as a member of the England squad but without guarantee of a regular team place, a situation that made his sudden transformation into a soccer deity all the more dramatic.

"When so much of modern football is excruciatingly mundane, Gascoigne runs with the ball at opponents and beats one, two, three men in succession," journalist Julie Welch wrote in "The Times."

"He is an exciting throw-back to those long-ago days when boots were brown and the ball was made of leather."

An interesting sideline to the Gazza phenomenon is that his appeal extends outside the traditional soccer fraternity of working class male.

Just as many women as men seemed bowled over by the player and as Ms Welch notes, he is a topical discussion point at middle-class dinner parties.



PAUL GASCOIGNE

"He is a sex symbol, like George Best ... but a product of a different age," she writes.

"Gascoigne is the boy next door in a chain-store T-shirt with a pint of lager in one paw, and a gorgeous, pouting blonde in the other."

It seems, however, there are some aspects of his new fame that are unsettling Gascoigne.

He recently revealed that he now hides in the boot of his Mercedes — a friend taking the wheel — when he leaves his house and Tottenham's White Hart Lane to avoid fans.

As with all public figures, his love life has become the stuff of tabloid probing.

His long-time girlfriend Gail told newspapers they were breaking up because

fame had changed him for the worse.

Shortly after news came of his new blonde girlfriend, Heidi, a millionaire's daughter, and then in a predictable twist, his new girlfriend's old boyfriend told a national newspaper that he would flight to get her back.

The only problem was that the truth ended at him breaking up with his girlfriend.

"What's the use of being famous when you can't go anywhere without being besieged by people or you can't get to sleep," Gascoigne said in a television interview.

"I am becoming frightened of the consequences of it all and where it is all going to end. People must think I am something different. Well I am not."

All he wants to be is "one of the lads".

Whether Gascoigne can survive the pressure is one of the most debated topics in British football.

The fallen idol himself, George Best, says that Gascoigne "will be a goner in two seasons".

JAPANESE BID FOR MARADONA



MARADONA — off to Japan?

A Japanese company that owns a soccer team has offered \$25 million to Napoli for Diego Maradona.

Sources close to the Neapolitan club disclosed the negotiations for the possible transfer of Maradona, whose contract with Napoli expires in 1993, began in Naples last week with two officials of PJM Futures, a Japanese services group.

A spokesman for

Napoli confirmed that PJM officials met with club officials, but declined to comment on the topics of the talks.

Sources said Maradona was being sought in view of an expected expansion of professional soccer in Japan in 1992.

"I'm free to talk to Japanese, Arab or American businessmen," Maradona said.

"But it must be very clear that I can negotiate what I will do on the expiration of my contract with Napoli."

ISRAELI BACK IN BELGIUM



ISRAELI international Shalom Tikva is to return to Belgian club Standard Liege after an unsuccessful two-week trial with English side Luton Town.

The 26-year-old, who is valued at \$1 million by Standard, played three reserve games for Luton but their manager Jim Ryan said: "I'm not sure he would fit into the pattern of our team."

Tikva commented: "I don't think I played as well as I can in my trial games. They were the first matches I've played in three months and I'm not in the best of condition."



Dutch international Rob Witschge in his St. Etienne strip. The striker is amongst the French side's top players, but has lost his spot in Holland's national team.

Gili out, Franz booed

GERARD GILI has resigned as manager of French First Division giant Marseille shortly after his side's 5-1 European Cup triumph over Dinamo Tirana of Albania.



Gili, a former Marseille player who

CLOUGH RE-SIGNS

BRIAN Clough, one of the most successful managers in British soccer, has signed a new contract keeping him at Nottingham Forest for a further three years.

Club chairman Maurice Roworth said that Clough had agreed to a new deal with the English First Division club rumoured to be worth as much as \$460,000.

Clough, who will be 58 when his new contract runs out, is currently the Football League's longest-serving manager at one club, having been at Forest since 1975.

In that time, the club have won two European Cups, the English league title and four League Cups.

Roworth said: "There has been a lot of speculation in recent times about Brian retiring but he is as hungry for the game as he ever was and I'm sure this proves it beyond all doubt."

Clough's new contract will keep him in the top bracket of British soccer's managerial earners alongside Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness of Scotland's Glasgow Rangers and George Graham of Arsenal.



FRANZ BECKENBAUER

took over as manager of the club in 1988, has been widely expected to announce his departure following the recent appointment of Franz Beckenbauer as supremo by club president Bernard Tapie.

Beckenbauer, who led West Germany to its World Cup triumph earlier this year, has joined Marseille with his assistant Holger Osieck.

Gili is rumoured to be wanted by struggling Bordeaux.

Franz Beckenbauer was booed by 38,000 Marseille fans when Marseille were beaten 1-0 at home by Cannes last Saturday week.

Marseille, however, bounced back at the weekend to beat Monaco 3-1 at Monaco — an outstanding result which makes them still the team to beat.



French midfielder Laurent Blanc soars to head clear of his Icelandic opponent while Manuel Amores (No 2) looks on in the recent Euro-92 qualifier France won 2-1 in Reykjavik.

DEMOCRATIC GERMANS

DEMOCRACY is spreading through the West German Bundesliga.

Seven of the captains of the 18 First Division clubs are chosen not by the manager but from a vote among the players.

'Elected' captains are Borussia Dortmund's Michael Zorc, Guido Buchwald (Stuttgart), Dietmar Beiersdorfer (SV Hamburg), Stefan Kuntz (Kaiserslautern), Wolfgang Rolff (Uerdingen), Christian Hochstatter (Borussia Moenchengladbach) and Dirk Greiser (Hertha Berlin).

Around the globe

Compiled by **LOU GAUTIER**



- Former West German international Uwe Rainers is the new coach of East German First Division Hansa Rostock. There will only be one Germany as far as soccer is concerned on November 1. Later in November, there will be a symbolical last international between the two Germanies in Leipzig — on November 21 to be precise.
- Edu Antunes Coimbra, the brother of Brazilian legend Zico, is the new coach of Vera Cruz, in Mexico, after leaving Botafogo.
- Rio club Flamengo have bought 23-year-old Bolivian striker Ramitos Castillo, who played for Argentinos Juniors. Castillo is of Camerounian descent.
- Swiss First Division club Xamax Neuchatel have signed Botafogo centre forward Paulinho Criciuma for \$300,000.
- Jorge Burruchaga is again out of action. Nantes' Argentine midfielder underwent yet another knee operation — his third since scoring the winning goal in the 1986 World Cup final.
- Algerian international midfielder Djamel Amani has become the first player of his country to play in Turkey when he joined First Division side Aydinspor.
- Asparuh Nikobimov is the new coach of Bulgaria's top club, CSKA Sofia. He is coming back to the club he coached from 1979 until 1984 after a stint in the Persian Gulf.
- One of Turkey's all-time best strikers, Ridvan Dilmon, will hang up his boots. The Fenerbahce star has called it quits after being told he needs knee reconstruction for a fourth time.
- Ladislao Kubala is the new coach of the Spanish Olympic team. Kubala starred for Barcelona in the 50s after starting his career in Czechoslovakia and Hungary.
- Dinamo Kiev have changed their colours. They now play in the colours of Ukraine.
- Valeri Lobanovski, the former coach of the Soviet and Dynamo Kiev, is the new coach of the United Arab Emirates, replacing Carlos Alberto Parreira.
- Jose Omar Pastoriza has replaced Jorge Solari as Independiente technical manager after the club's elimination by fellow Argentinians River Plate in the Libertadores Cup.
- Former Real Madrid and Barcelona star Bernd Schuster may join ailing newly promoted Bundesliga club Hertha Berlin. The West German international's demand for a \$600,000 annual salary could be a stumbling block, however.
- Hungarian club Honved is now sponsored by a Franco-West German automobile consortium — Renault Baumgartner.
- Veteran fullback Eric Gerets has decided to continue his international career. The 35-year-old PSV fullback agreed to a plea from coach Guy Thys to keep playing for Belgium for two more years.
- Ahmed Shoubeir, the Egyptian international goalkeeper, will complete a move to English First Division club Everton for a fee of around half-a-million dollars, his club National Al-Ahly reported this week.



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